

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Monday, the November 25, 2002/Agrahayana 4, 1924 (Saka)*

(Ministries: Commerce and Industry; Development of North-Eastern Region;  
Disinvestment; Health and Family Welfare; Heavy Industries and Public  
Enterprises; Information and Broadcasting; Law and Justice;  
Shipping; Social Justice and Empowerment; Tribal Affairs;  
Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation)

Total number of questions—155

#### Nodal agency for export of garlic, onion and potato

†455. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will  
the Minister of COMMERCE AND  
INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that nodal agencies  
have been created in several States for the  
export of garlic, onion, potato, etc.;

(b) if so, the names of said States who  
have formed such agencies; and

(c) whether any target has been fixed for  
the export of these commodities and whether  
any scheme has been formulated by  
Government for their export keeping in view  
the prices thereof in the domestic markets?

#### Decline in capital investment

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

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been  
a decline in capital investment in certain

industries in the country during the years  
1996-97 to 2000-2001;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the industries in which  
capital investment has declined in the said  
period; and

(d) the details of the industries in which  
capital investment has increased in the said  
period?

#### New Patent Regime

457. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:  
Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND  
INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has  
been drawn to the news-item captioned,  
"Patent regime unlikely to benefit  
developing nations: UK Report", which  
appeared in the Economic Times, dated the  
20th September, 2002;

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

(c) the details of steps Government  
propose to take with regard to the major

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problems highlighted in the report so as to adequately safeguard the interests of the developing countries especially India in the new patent regime?

#### **Export of sandal wood**

458. SHRI C. O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the volume of sandal wood exported during the last five years;

(b) the details of foreign exchange earned during the above said period;

(c) whether it is a fact that India lost its position as a leading exporter of sandal wood;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the details of steps Government have taken in this regard?

#### **Industrial projects in Himachal Pradesh**

459. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of industrial projects from Himachal Pradesh pending for approval by Government during the year 2001-2002 along with the reasons therefor;

(b) the details of cost of each of such project; and

(c) by when these projects will be cleared by Government?

#### **Financial assistance to States**

460. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have allocated a sum of Rs. 330 crore for assistance to

States for development of infrastructure for exports and other allied activities;

(b) the quantum of money which has been actually released out of Rs. 330 crore allocated for the current year under this programme;

(c) the names of the States that received the assistance State-wise; and

(d) the details of projects which have been initiated?

#### **Revival of cement industry**

461. SHRI BACHANILEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cement plants/factories functioning in the country, State-wise, particularly in Gujarat;

(b) the present average production capacity of these plants/factories;

(c) the number of plants/factories, out of these, which have been closed and those on the verge of closure along with the reasons for closure of those plants/factories; and

(d) the steps taken by Government for revival of such plants/factories?

#### **India Brand Equity Fund**

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

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

(a) when the India Brand Equity Fund to promote Indian Brands in the international market was established;

(b) the number of proposals which have come before it for assistance, so far, year-wise;

- (c) the number of proposals accepted by Government, year-wise; and of marble and other materials from Rajasthan; and  
 (d) the total corpus available in the fund? (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Import of rubber**

463. SHRI V. V. RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have decided to allow import of rubber through all Indian ports by removing restrictions; and  
 (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

#### **Ban on import of plantation commodities**

464. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:  
 SHRI V. V. RAGHAVAN:

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

- (a) whether Government are aware that the import of plantation commodities for re-export from the country by multinational companies has adversely affected the indigenous plantation industry especially tea industry in the country; and  
 (b) if so, the details thereof and whether Government would impose a temporary ban on import of plantation commodities for re-export from the country?

#### **New EPZs in Rajasthan**

465. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are any proposals to set up Export Processing Zones in Rajasthan;  
 (b) if so, the details thereof;  
 (c) whether Government are planning to bring new projects to increase the exports

#### **Closure of industrial units**

466. SHRI C. O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of registered industrial units in the country during the last five years along with details of the total strength of labour in these units for these periods, State-wise and period-wise;  
 (b) whether it is a fact that there is an increasing trend in closing down of industrial units; and  
 (c) if so, the reasons therefor alongwith the number of workers affected by this?

#### **New industries in North-Eastern Region**

467. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of medium-sized industries which are in existence at present in the North-Eastern States, State-wise;  
 (b) whether Government have any plan to set up new industrial plants/medium-sized factories;  
 (c) if so, the details of such schemes/plans which are under consideration; and  
 (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Export of tea**

468. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been a decline in

export of tea in quantity and value during the last two years, year-wise;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government's efforts to boost the export did not produce the desired results?

#### **Expansion of foreign trade**

469. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are taking any effective steps to expand trade relations with U.S., USSR, China, Japan, U.K. and Germany;

(b) if so, the details of areas in which trade relations with the aforesaid countries have been strengthened;

(c) the details of new areas identified for the expansion of trade relations with these countries; and

(d) the details of MoU signed with the above countries to encourage the trade activities in the various field?

#### **Improvement of infrastructure in Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh**

470. SHRI KAILASH JOSHI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have released funds for improvement in the infrastructure of industrial areas in Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh;

(b) if so, the details of the funds released during the last three years;

(c) the details of the projects for which these funds were earmarked including the funds released for acquisition of land, construction of roads etc.;

(d) whether some industrial towns were earmarked for the purpose, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether utilisation certificates were received from the States, if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Export of foodgrains**

471. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of foodgrains exported during the years 2000, 2001 and 2002;

(b) whether export of rice has increased; and

(c) the stock position of wheat and rice at present in the Central Pool?

#### **Anti-dumping duty on coconut oil imports**

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

(a) whether coconut growing States have requested Government to impose heavy anti-dumping duty on coconut oil imports to save domestic oil sector; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

#### **Growth centres in Uttar Pradesh**

473. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of growth centres functioning at present in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the details of such centres togetherwith the total amount released, so far; and

(c) whether there is a proposal to set up more growth centres in the State, if so, the details thereof?

### **Schemes in NER**

474. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes under implementation in the North Eastern Region for removal of rural and urban poverty;

(b) how far these schemes have performed during last three years;

(c) whether any shortcomings have been noticed while implementing these programmes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### **Plan for Integrated Development of NER**

475. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a common plan for the Integrated Development of North Eastern Region of the country;

(b) if so, the salient features of the plan; and

(c) if not, whether there is any proposal to adopt such a plan in future?

### **Demand of compensation by the management of divested PSUs**

476. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the new management of certain recently privatised PSUs have demanded compensation from Government on the ground that the PSUs sold to them were not worth the money claimed from them;

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's response thereto, case-wise;

(c) whether it is also fact that there are allegations that Government had manipulated books of the divested PSUs to make them attractive propositions; and

(d) if so, Government's reaction thereon?

### **Disinvestment of CPSUs and State PSUs**

477. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ:  
MISS MABEL REBELLO:

Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of CPSUs and State PSUs incurring losses in the country;

(b) how many of them have been disinvested hitherto alongwith the figures for the last four years;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government have interest in privatizing the profit making companies only;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) if not, the steps taken by Government to accelerate the process of disinvestment by disinvesting the loss-making CPSUs and State PSUs?

### **CAG report on disinvestment of BALCO**

478. SHRI GAYA SINGH:  
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 305 given in Rajya Sabha on 15th April, 2002 and state:

(a) whether the CAG has furnished its final report on disinvestment of Government equity in BALCO; and

(b) if so, the observations made by the CAG therein?

### **Disinvestment of NALCO**

479. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposed disinvestment of NALCO has been deferred;

(b) if so, the specific reasons therefor and whether the deferment is likely to have adverse impact upon investment sentiment and valuation of equity;

(c) the annual rate of return on public/Government investment in NALCO at present; and

(d) whether it is possible to ensure that the company's economic viability and profitability in future in view of the liberalization and globalization of the economy?

### **Sale of Centaur Hotel, Mumbai**

480. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the price at which the Centaur Airport Hotel, Mumbai was sold to M/s Batra Hospitality; and

(b) the price paid by M/s Sahara for the same hotel purchased from M/s Batra Hospitality?

### **Transfer of IOC outlet at Mumbai**

481. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Naik again question divestment", which appeared in the Economic Times, Kolkata, dated the 28th October, 2002 regarding transfer of an IOC outlet at the disinvested Centaur Hotel's premises at Mumbai;

(b) whether concurrence of IOC was not taken before disinvestment, as reported in the news-item;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) if not, the actual decision of the ownership of this retail outlet after disinvestment?

### **Loss of jobs due to disinvestment**

482. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the policy of disinvestment has resulted in the loss of jobs to the working people;

(b) whether any pre-condition was asserted for the protection of jobs of these undertakings while putting for disinvestment; and

(c) the details of the persons who lost jobs owing to disinvestment and the role of Government for their protection?

### **Disinvestment of PSUs**

483. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are divided over disinvestment of public sector undertakings;

(b) if so, in what manner Government propose to go ahead with the process of disinvestment;

(c) the target set for disinvestment for the years 2002-2003 and 2003-2004; and

(d) in what manner Government plan to achieve the target?

### **Malaria cases in the country**

484. SHRI H. K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 2.2 million cases of malaria are registered each year, in the country and most of the deaths are due to infectious diseases;

(b) if so, the details of steps taken to control malaria and the related deaths; and

(c) the details of steps Government propose to take to provide low cost malaria medicine to the patients?

### **Incident of death in Rahat Bhagat Nursing Home**

485. SHRI C. O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the incident of death of an 18 years old youth in Rahat Bhagat Nursing Home of Safdarjung Enclave as reported by Indian Express, dated the 10th January, 2002;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Nursing Home has been running for the last six years without the mandatory registration;

(c) whether any survey conducted to ascertain the number of such hospitals/ nursing homes running in the Capital without registration; and

(d) if so, the details along with the action taken against such cases?

### **Setting up of a trauma centre at AIIMS**

486. SHRI R. P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that that some

offers for funding the setting up a trauma centre at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences and for a Technology Park for organising research collaborations etc., made by the Alumni of the Institute, based in USA have been declined; and

(b) if so, the details of the proposals as received from time to time and the reasons for their rejection?

### **Death due to cancer**

†487. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that every year more than 3 lakh persons die of cancer in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that every year 10 lakh new cases of cancer come into light;

(c) if so, the action taken by Government to create awareness about the causes of cancer; and

(d) the action taken by Government to develop drug for this disease?

### **Creation of HIV/AIDS Vaccine Technology Department**

488. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of research institutes and laboratories which are capable of doing research in finding a solution to combat AIDS virus which is fast spreading;

(b) whether any HIV/AIDS Vaccine Technology Department has been created, so far, or entrusted to any of the research institutes in the country; and

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(c) if not, whether Government would take immediate action in creating such Department or entrusting it to any of the research institutes?

#### **Incentives to boost family planning**

489. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to deny the facilities to the persons having more than two children in order to check the population growth;

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

(c) whether Government propose to introduce new incentives and disincentives in order to give boost to family planning in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Dengue fever**

490. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that dengue fever is prevalent in Delhi and some other parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details of the help and assistance extended to the State Governments where dengue fever is prevalent;

(c) whether his Ministry has been educating the masses about the symptoms and treatment of dengue fever;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Incidents of negligence towards patients in AIIMS**

†491. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of incidents of negligence towards the patients in All India Institute of Medical Sciences that have come to light during the last one year;

(b) the names of persons held responsible for the same; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to avoid recurrence of such incidents in future?

#### **Diploma in Homoeopathic Pharmacy**

492. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government wants to help Homoeopathy Pharmacists to acquire knowledge to identify, prepare, standardise, store and dispense medicines and also equip them with various laws and regulations pertaining to the system; and

(b) if so, the reasons for delay in considering to start Diploma in Homoeopathic Pharmacy and to establish Homoeopathic Pharmacy Council for registration and institutions for education for Homoeopathic Pharmacists in the country?

#### **Post of DCGI**

493. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that post of DCGI is still on *ad hoc* basis; and

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(b) if so, by when Government would appoint a regular person for this important post?

#### **Vascular disease**

494. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:  
Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than one and half million people in the country are suffering from vascular diseases such as brain and leg strokes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that although the cases of these diseases are on the increase, the vascular surgeons are rarely available in the hospitals; and

(d) if so, the steps Government propose to take to appoint more vascular surgeons in various Government hospitals?

#### **HIV positive cases among women in Delhi slums**

495. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:  
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

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

(a) whether an high incidence of HIV positive has been detected among the women in recent check-ups in slum clusters of Delhi;

(b) if so, the details of the positive cases so far detected;

(c) the overall incidence of HIV in the country; and

(d) the measures devised to create awareness to control the spread of this deadly disease in the capital?

#### **Spread of AIDS**

496. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA:  
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:  
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA  
RAO:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the CIA has raised a red flag on the alarming spread of the AIDS epidemics in five countries including India, China and Russia emphasizing that these countries pose a potential health security threat to both internal and international community;

(b) whether a US National Intelligence Council study conducted for the CIA states that by 2010 the growth of AIDS will outstrip the spread in all other countries; and

(c) if so, the action taken by Government to control the spread of AIDS in India?

#### **Evening OPD in hospitals in Delhi**

†497. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA  
RAO:  
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have formulated a scheme to start evening OPD in four major hospitals in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government have made any arrangement so that the patients may not face any inconvenience in case of electricity failure?

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**Inclusion of diabetic medicines in the life saving category**

†498. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI:  
SHRIMATI SAVITA  
SHARDA:

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

(a) whether Government are considering to include the medicines and equipments required for the treatment of diabetes into life saving category in the new National Health Policy keeping in view the fear of incidents of diseases like heart disease, kidney failure, blood pressure, infection, blindness and sex problem in most of the diabetic patients in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

children in urban areas in the country suffer from vision defects but are not even aware of them;

(b) if so, whether India has one-fourth of the world blind population and majority of these 12 million suffers from correctable vision defects;

(c) whether this was revealed in a report which was released on 9th October, 2002 on the eve of World Sight Day;

(d) whether Government have examined the report;

(e) if so, the States with more number of cases of vision defects; and

(f) the concrete steps Government have taken, so far?

**Health risk by genetically modified crops**

499. DR. ABRAR AHMED:  
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there are many genetically modified crops that are being produced which may carry health risk;

(b) if so, the tests conducted for such crops that may carry health risks; and

(c) a list of such crops that are being produced that may have health risk associated with them?

**Vision defects among school children**

500. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:  
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

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

(a) whether about 50 per cent school

**Dismal condition of cancer patients in Government hospitals in Delhi**

501. SHRI BHAGATRAM  
MANHAR:  
SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

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

(a) whether Government are aware of dismal condition of cancer patients in various Government hospitals in NCT of Delhi;

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to provide more amenities and facilities to the cancer patients in various hospitals of Delhi;

(c) whether it is a fact that equipment and machinery worth several crores are lying unused in AIIMS and Safdarjung Hospital for the last two-three years; and

(d) if so, the details and cost of these equipments/machines and reasons for not using them for several years?

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### **Special plan to bring down fertility rate**

502. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUK-KARASU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any special plan has been formulated to bring down total fertility rate in the States of Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Bihar, the highest in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government has examined the causes for not achieving the target by these four States;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the measures suggested to achieve a TFR not exceeding 2.1 per cent by 2010?

### **Free medical treatment**

503. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have drawn any proposal/scheme to provide free medical treatment in all Government hospitals and dispensaries to poor patients;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the funds allocated for the purpose;

(c) the number of new hospitals and dispensaries required to cover entire population of the country; and

(d) the details of new hospitals and dispensaries likely to be operational by March, 2004 and how many are planned thereafter?

### **Demand of blood**

504. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that

availability of blood in Delhi's Blood Banks has gone up and the gap between demand and supply continuous to widen;

(b) if so, the details of gap between demand and supply at present in various blood groups;

(c) whether Government have assessed the demand of blood on a year to year basis;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to meet the demand?

### **Practice of Ayurvedic massage**

†505. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the foreigners are being looted name of Panchkarma (Ayurvedic):

(b) whether it is also a fact that in this manner Ayurveda as well country is being brought into disrepute;

(c) whether it is also a fact that these days the practice of Ayurmassage is in vogue; and

(d) if so, the action taken by Government to save domestic as well as foreign tourists from these quacks?

### **Non-availability of medicines in CGHS dispensaries**

506. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that prescribed medicines, both Allopathic and Ayurvedic, are not available in the CGHS Dispensaries for dispensing to the beneficiaries;

(b) whether it is also a fact that many banned and expired drugs are dispensed across the counter in medical stores, CGHS Dispensaries and Government hospitals in the country; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to put an end to this problem?

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#### **Discrepancies in the population policy**

507. SHRI K.KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Human Rights Commission has asked to explain certain discrepancies in the population policy of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken to review the National Family Welfare Programme and policy to ensure that there is no violation of the spirit behind the policy?

#### **Proposals of Government of Himachal Pradesh**

508. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received proposals from Government of Himachal Pradesh for strengthening of Government Ayurvedic Pharmacy, Paprola, Project on Health Tourism (Panchkarma), Development of Herbal Garden Dhumrera Rohroo, Shimla, upgradation of institute of PG Education and Research Paprola; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government so far?

#### **Introduction of a new technique for diabetics**

509. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the report that a new technique has been introduced for diabetics, who have severe heart problem, which appeared in the Indian Express, dated the 24th October, 2002;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how his Ministry is going to publicize it for the common cause of the diabetics with heart disease?

#### **Setting up of PHCs in NER**

510. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Primary Health Centres proposed to be set up in the North-Eastern Region during the Tenth Plan;

(b) the details of places identified in the NER for establishing of such PHCs; and

(c) the details of financial allocation made for the purpose for NER during the above plan?

#### **Establishment of Medical College at Durgapur**

511. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to reply to the Unstarred Question 1209 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 29th July, 2002 and state:

(a) whether Government have received a proposal regarding establishment of a Medical College at Durgapur by M/s De Siksha Parishad; and

(b) if so, the response of Government thereto?

#### **Population growth rate**

512. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh registered the steepest fall in the population growth;

(b) if so, the details thereof and all-India population growth rate during the decade 1991-2001; and

(c) the fiscal assistance and incentives proposed to be given to Andhra Pradesh for population control?

### **Organ trade**

513. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Organ trade angle in 17 year old's murder", which appeared in the Hindustan Times, dated the 22nd October, 2002;

(b) whether it is a fact that organ trade is flourishing in and around Ghaziabad District and racketeers often trap people;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken to check the organ trade throughout the country?

### **Development of ROSNI**

514. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new technique for curbing infertility among couples named ROSNI (Round Spermatic Nuclear Injection) has been developed, in the field of Test Tube Baby Technique and Artificial Reproductive Technology at the Jaipur Fertility and Microsurgery Research Centre;

(b) if so, the details of the technique and how far it has tested to be successful; and

(c) the steps being taken to promote the technique?

### **NGOs in the management of PHCs**

515. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose a scheme for involving private medical colleges and non-governmental

organisations in the management of Primary Health Centres in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact, that Karnataka Government plans to handover PHC's to NGO's for their management; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### **Institutions providing education and practice in Yoga and Naturopathy**

516. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that certain institutions in the country are providing education and practice in Yoga and Naturopathy;

(b) if so, whether Government intend to regulate these courses being run by these institutions by enacting a law;

(c) if so, by when such a law is likely to be enacted; and

(d) if not, reasons therefor?

### **Introduction of Bill on CCIM**

517. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the Bill introduced to take control of the CCIM by Government;

(b) whether it is a fact that some vested interests are trying to block the passage of this Bill;

(c) by when this Bill is likely to be taken up for discussion; and

(d) the reasons for introduction of this Bill?

**Guidelines of Human Rights  
Commission on NPP**

†518. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the guidelines issued by the National Human Rights Commission with regard to the steps taken by the State Governments for implementation of National Population Policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

**SC directives on sex determination tests**

519. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite SC orders on abortions and sex determination tests, many clinics are issuing advertisements in newspapers for performing abortions and sex determination tests;

(b) if so, the steps taken by his Ministry in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that in the month of October, 2002 the SC has issued directions to all the State Governments and UTs to take appropriate action against the errant clinics; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Expenditure on health services**

†520. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that per capita expenditure on health services in India is the lowest in the world;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have taken any action for increasing the per capita expenditure on health services in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Transfer policy for doctors and staff in CGHS**

521. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the policy being adopted for transfer of doctors and other staff in CGHS dispensaries/offices;

(b) whether this policy is limited only for doctors;

(c) whether it is also a fact that this policy is not adopted in case of staff posted in CGHS office, South Zone, R.K. Puram, New Delhi; and

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

**Health care schemes**

522. SHRI S.S. CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the State Governments are giving priority in launching health care schemes for those districts which are severely affected by Natural Calamities i.e. drought, flood etc.;

(b) whether Government would come forward to financially assist those State Governments which are launching such health care schemes;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

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†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

### **HIV infected persons**

† 523. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons infected with HIV in the country and number of persons living in Delhi out of them;

(b) whether it is also a fact that baby delivered by woman suffering from HIV are likely to be infected with HIV;

(c) if so, the steps Government have taken to resolve this problem at war footing; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Proposal for setting up of PHCs in Assam**

524. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal for setting up of primary health centres in rural and hilly areas of Assam;

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

(c) the details of funds sanctioned, released and the amount actually utilised in the State during the current financial year?

### **News-item, "India may lose contraceptive race to US"**

525. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "India may lose contraceptive race to US", which appeared in the Asian Age, dated the 22nd September, 2002;

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

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to address the problems highlighted in the news-item relating to the slow pace and the irrational decision-making process in the country in the matter?

### **Incidents of Malaria and brain fever**

526. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the increasing incidents of Malaria and brain fever in some States and particularly in Orissa; and

(b) if so, the details of steps taken to eradicate Malaria in those States?

### **Ratio between CGHS beneficiaries and doctors**

527. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any ratio between CGHS beneficiaries and doctors has been prescribed for CGHS dispensaries in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the said ratio in the CGHS dispensary in East Kidwai Nagar, New Delhi;

(d) whether it is also a fact that patients in this dispensary have to wait in queue for more than hour and LP drugs are given after 3-4 days; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to overcome these problems?

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† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

### **Selling of Kidney**

528. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report captioned, "Economic and Health Consequences of Selling a Kidney in India", which appeared in the Journal of the American Medical Association, dated the 2nd October, 2002;

(b) whether Government's attention has also been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Kerala IMA charge false", which appeared in the Hindu, dated the November 8, 2002; and

(c) if so, whether any enquiry will be initiated on selling of Kidney by the poor people in Southern India for economic benefits?

### **Progress in NLCP**

529. DR. MANMOHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are satisfied with the progress of National Leprosy Control Programme; and

(b) if not, the measure contemplated to improve the effectiveness of this programme?

### **Ban on Gutkha and Pan Masala**

530. SHRI PRASANTACHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to impose a country-wide ban on Gutkha and Pan Masala in the light of serious health hazards posed by its consumption;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Irregularities in the purchase of medicines by DG**

531. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any investigation is being conducted against the DG for the irregularities in the purchase of medicines; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

### **Increase in diabetic patients**

532. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of diabetic patients in the country is increasing rapidly;

(b) if so, their number in the year 1995 and their number at present;

(c) whether Government have ascertained the reasons for this increase;

(d) the steps taken and research conducted to control the disease; and

(e) other details in this regard?

### **Expenditure incurred on MBBS and MD students**

533. SHRI BACHANILEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total expenditure incurred by Government on MBBS and MD students in Government Medical Colleges;

(b) whether part of this expenditure is recovered from the students;

(c) the number of doctors out of them who have gone abroad during the last three years;

(d) whether Government proposes to lay down condition for the doctors who graduate

from the Government Medical Colleges to work in rural and backward areas for a certain period; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Expenditure on publicity for small family norms**

534. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that expenditure by Government on publicity for a small family has been increased from Rs. 6 crores in 1975 to about Rs. 35 crores during the last year;

(b) whether it is also a fact that inspite of enhanced expenditure the visibility of publicity on small family norms has been very poor as compared to 1975—77 when all round publicity was there;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken to improve publicity on small family norms which is of paramount importance for our Nation?

**Redeployment of rationalised workers**

535. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had a scheme for counselling, retraining and redeployment of rationalised workers;

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

(c) the number of rationalised workers redeployed upto now;

(d) when they are redeployed; and

(e) the number of workers retrained?

**Setting up of new industries in public sector in Assam**

536. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for setting up new industries in public sector in Assam in Tenth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether all the formalities for establishing Gas Cracker Unit in Assam by RAPL have been completed; and

(e) if so, by when it would begin?

**Revival of Praga Tools Ltd.**

537. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to revive the Praga Tools Ltd., a PSU located at Secunderabad in Andhra Pradesh within a time frame;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the present status of the PSU before the BIFR?

**Revival package for NIL**

538. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Cabinet had approved on 18th June, 2002 a revival package for National Instruments Limited (NIL) involving conversion of Rs. 60 crore loan into equity and writing off of outstanding interest of Rs. 138 crore;

(b) if so, the details of the same and its status of implementation including joint venture formation;

(c) whether BIFR has issued a show-cause notice inspite of the above Cabinet decision; and

(d) if so, the action taken by Government to revive the unit as per Cabinet decision?

#### **CAG report on CPSUs**

539. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Central Public Sector Undertakings running in profit as per the report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India during the last three years, company-wise;

(b) the number of CPSUs which have suffered losses during the last three years;

(c) whether the disinvestment is the only way of improving the profitability of Public Sector Enterprises; and

(d) whether Government have any other innovative method; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Abolition of Wage Board**

540. SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA:  
DR. ABRAR AHMED:

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

(a) whether the Indian Newspaper Society has requested Government that the Wage Board should be abolished to reduce burden on newspaper establishments;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

#### **Revival of Commissioning of programme by Prasar Bharati**

541. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:  
SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI:

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

(a) whether after a long gap, Prasar Bharati is getting back to the commissioning mode all over again;

(b) if so, whether this proposal to revive commission of programmes was put forward at the Prasar Bharati meeting recently;

(c) if so, the decisions taken thereon; and

(d) by when, the Prasar Bharati would commission the programmes again?

#### **Market for Indian films in China**

542. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that China is emerging as a market for Indian films apart from Japan:

(b) whether it is also a fact that the prices being quoted by Chinese delegations at International Film Festival of India (IFFI) film bazaar are too low in comparison to Singapore market; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to reconcile over the matter?

### **Earnings of Cable Operators and Broadcasters**

543. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether huge earnings from cable television are a bone of contention between operators and broadcasters;

(b) the approximate earnings per year from subscribers and advertisers; and

(c) the action proposed to amend the Cable Network Regulation Act, 1995, to benefit the consumers both in terms of money and programmes?

### **Venue for International Film Festival**

544. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUK-KARASU: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to change the venue for holding International Film Festival;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government also propose to handover the event to private agencies;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Guidelines for FDI**

545. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that her Ministry has finalized the guidelines for Foreign Direct Investment in the non-new and non-current affairs periodicals;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, by when the guidelines are likely to be finalized;

(d) whether media experts have also been associated while finalizing the guidelines; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Content of serials on DD Channels**

†546. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that these days all the serials on both the channels of Doordarshan as well as the cable channels are based only on two subjects *i.e.* superstition and extra-marital relations;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that rural India is not visible in these serials;

(c) whether the representation of knowledge, science, art-culture and agriculture in all these programmes is very nominal; and

(d) if so, the action being taken by Government to change this situation?

### **Performance of DD News Channel**

547. SHRI B.P. SINGHAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 'DD News' was hiring outside persons to run its programmes;

(b) the total life span of 'DD News';

(c) how much payment was made to these outsiders;

(d) the names of the 20 most expensive ones and the total amount each of them received for these programmes;

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(e) the reasons for closing down DD News Channel; and

(f) whether tenders were invited for telecast of these programmes?

of such raids beforehand enabling them to hide their materials/movies; and

(e) whether her ministry intend to tackle this problem?

#### **Payment claims by T.V. channels**

548. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether in September 2000, the Cable Operators and T.V. Channels were at loggerheads for additional payment claims by T.V. Channels on account of more subscribers;

(b) whether subscribers were the losers as certain channels were not being shown inspite of advance payments made; and

(c) the action proposed to help subscribers having rights to view channels paid for without hindrance and harassment by operators?

#### **Sale of adult materials/movies in Palika Bazar**

549. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:  
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there are many vendors in Palika Bazar, New Delhi selling adult materials/movies;

(b) if so, the number of raids conducted since the past three years by Government;

(c) the details of products confiscated or seized during the raids in Palika Bazar;

(d) whether it is also a fact that there is no secrecy and these vendors come to know

#### **Closure of DD/AIR Civil Construction and Maintenance Wing of Bhopal**

550. SHRI KAILASH JOSHI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Prasar Bharti *vide* their order No. A-33023/1/2002-CW-1 dated 9th July, 2002 have proposed to close down the Doordarshan and Akashwani Civil Construction and Maintenance Wing functioning at Bhopal;

(b) if so, the agencies behind the closure and the reasons therefor;

(c) the number and details of such wings functioning in other States; and

(d) whether Government propose to withdraw the order, if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Amendment in Representation of People Act, 1951**

551. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:  
DR. ABRAR AHMED:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state the progress made, so far, in the decision of amending the Representation of People Act, 1951 to do away with the requirement of residence of a particular State/Union Territory for contesting elections to the Council of States (Rajya Sabha) from the State/Union Territory?

**Law Commission to study the judicial arrears**

552. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:  
SHRI RUMANDLA  
RAMACHANDRAIAH:  
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY  
SIRIGIREDDY:

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

(a) whether the Law Commission has again taken up a study on judicial arrears to suggest measures for speedy disposal of cases;

(b) if so, by when this panel is likely to submit its report;

(c) the total number of reports, so far, submitted to Government by the Law Commission;

(d) the number of reports tabled in the Parliament;

(e) the action taken for its implementation; and

(f) the number of reports which have not been accepted by Government and the reason therefor?

**Treating the Law Commission Report as confidential**

553. SHRI V. V. RAGHAVAN:  
SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUK-  
KARASU:

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

(a) whether Government are considering to revoke its notification of 2000 which provides that reports of Law Commission should be treated as confidential till placed before Parliament;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details about the reports made public after being placed in the Parliament till date and the reports pending with Government for placing in the Parliament?

**Compulsory marriage registration**

554. SHRI BHAGATRAM  
MANHAR:  
SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

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

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to make marriage registration compulsory in various States; and

(b) if so, the details of the proposal and by when it is likely to be finalised?

**BCI against the implementation of Legal Service Authorities (Amendment) Act, 2002**

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

(a) whether Government have taken cognizance of the threat by the Bar Council of India to boycott indefinitely the permanent Lok Adalats in protest against the implementation of Legal Service Authorities (Amendment) Act, 2002;

(b) whether the BCI considers certain provisions of the Act as anti-litigant;

(c) whether any public activist group/ litigants' forum have expressed similar views; and

(d) if so, Government's stand thereon?

### **Alternative Dispute Resolution System**

556. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) System has been evolved in the country to decongest and avoid recourse to courts;

(b) if so, the details of the various ADR techniques being introduced/already introduced under the above fast track judicial system; and

(c) the number of disputes resolved, so far, under ADR in various States, particularly in Andhra Pradesh?

### **Realisation of revenue locked up in litigations**

557. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that revenue to the tune of Rs. 60 thousand crore are locked up in litigations;

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

(c) whether it is also a fact that lack of strategy to deal with the high volume of court cases and improper allocation of work is contributing to the rising litigated amounts; and

(d) the details of the measures contemplated to realise the revenue locked up in litigations?

### **Ordinance on Electoral Reforms**

558. SHRI KARNENDU  
BHATTACHARJEE:  
SHRI MANOJ  
BHATTACHARYA:

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

(a) whether Government have recently promulgated an Ordinance on Electoral Reforms;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ordinance runs contrary not only to the guidelines issued by the Election Commission in compliance of the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court on 25th May, 2002, but also the specific recommendations of the Ethics Committee of the Rajya Sabha on the subject in its latest report;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether any steps taken to correct the same; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Amendment in Divorce law**

559. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal for amendment to the divorce law in the larger interest of harassed women;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when it is to be made operational?

### **Fast Track Courts in Karnataka**

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

(a) when the Fast Track Court Scheme was launched;

(b) whether the above scheme has become functional in Karnataka;

(c) if so, the number of Fast Track Courts functioning in Karnataka;

(d) whether there is any proposal to set up more Fast Track Courts in Karnataka;

(e) the grant, if any, sanctioned to Karnataka during the year 2001-2002 and 2002-2003 for this purpose; and

(f) the number of long pending cases so far cleared by these Fast Track Courts in Karnataka?

**Recommendation of CJI or State CJ for elevation of Judges**

561. SHRI B.P. SINGHAL: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of cases in which the recommendation of a State Chief Justice or Chief Justice of India made for elevation of a person as the Judge of High Courts/ Judge of Supreme Court has not been accepted by Government; and

(b) the details of such cases, alongwith the reasons therefor?

**Vacancy of Judges in Allahabad High Court**

†562. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that posts of nearly 50 Judges were lying vacant in Allahabad High Court of Uttar Pradesh as on 31st October, 2002;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for not taking action to fill up the above mentioned vacancies; and

(d) by when Government will fill up all the vacancies?

**Recommendations of the C. Babu Rajiv Committee**

563. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the recommendations of the C. Babu Rajiv Committee, Government are considering to bring the minor ports under the jurisdiction of the Tariff Authority for Major Ports (TAMP);

(b) whether several shipping lines are opposed to the idea of regulated tariff for port services as they feel the tariff should be determined by market forces;

(c) whether the private ports and Maritime Development Council have also opposed the move to bring minor ports under Tariff Authority for Major Ports; and

(d) Government's reaction thereto?

**Disinvestment of Shipyards**

564. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is in favour of disinvestment of shipyards to make them more competitive;

(b) if so, whether his Ministry is looking for tie-ups with more experienced yards to achieve goals in ship building;

(c) whether his Ministry has been able to find more experienced shipyards and tied up with them in the areas of technical expertise, planning and manufacturing; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken to implement these decisions?

**Disinvestment of CSL and HSL**

565. SHRI N.R. DASARI:  
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

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†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(a) whether it is a fact that the Disinvestment Commission has recommended a minimum 51 percent disinvestment of Cochin Shipyard Ltd. (CSL) and 100 percent privatisation of Hindustan Shipyard Ltd. (HSL); and

(b) if so, the details of the recommendation made in this regard and Government's decision thereon?

#### **Plan to set up an Indian Maritime University**

566. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a plan has been formulated to set-up an Indian Maritime University (IMU) to recast the Maritime education and to improve the quality of Indian seafarers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the status and position likely to be assigned to the existing institutions like the Indian Institute of Maritime Studies (IIMS), the Lal Bahadur Shastri National College, etc. and the regulatory frame work drawn up for the private sector institutes mushrooming across the country?

#### **Agreement to create an International North-South Transport Corridor**

567. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India, Russia and Iran have agreed to create an International North-South Transport Corridor, a multi-modal faster route between Mumbai Port and Moscow *via* the Mediterranean Sea and Suez Canal;

(b) if so, the details of the agreement and the steps taken to operationalise the Corridor; and

(c) the details of specific advantages

likely to accrue especially the reduction in operational costs of shippers and exporters?

#### **New Maritime Policy for global shipping industries**

568. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has suggested a new Maritime Policy with a promotional fiscal regime to help the domestic industry and to become globally competitive;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the share of India's shipping fleet in the global shipping industry;

(e) whether it is also a fact that proportion of India's sea-borne trade carried by the domestic ships has been steadily decreasing; and

(f) if so, the details of the steps taken to retrieve it?

#### **Modernisation of major ports**

569. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent on the development and the modernisation of each major port during Ninth Plan period;

(b) the details thereof; and

(c) the specific development plan drawn up for Paradeep Port during Tenth Plan?

#### **Introducing a Tonnage Tax Scheme**

570. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has sent a proposal to the Ministry of Finance for introducing a Tonnage Tax Scheme to replace the existing Corporate Tax Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it would help the domestic vessels;

(d) whether the proposal has been cleared by the CCS;

(e) the present gross registered tonnage of India; and

(f) whether his Ministry is planning to increase the GRT?

#### **Liberation and rehabilitation of scavengers in Andhra Pradesh**

571. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Scheme of Liberation and Rehabilitation of Scavengers is under implementation in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of scavengers liberated and rehabilitated in the State, so far; and

(d) the number of scavengers in the State yet to be rehabilitated and the action being taken in this regard?

#### **Committee to study the functioning of NGOs**

572. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is disbursing crores of rupees every year to the Non-Governmental Organisations (NGO's);

(b) if so, whether a large number of

complaints have been received by his Ministry regarding misuse and non-receipt of the funds;

(c) whether a committee of non-officials was constituted to study the functioning of the NGOs;

(d) if so, by when the committee is likely to submit the report; and

(e) the action taken, so far, against the NGOs who have not used the money properly in Gujarat?

#### **Law to stop conversion**

573. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a demand has been made in the country that Government should enact a law to stop conversion by allurements or force; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction in this regard?

#### **Extension of benefits under the Disabilities Act, 1995**

574. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken, so far, to extend the benefits of the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities and Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act of 1995, by identifying the persons eligible for such benefits and setting up authorities within their reach for such identification and regulation; and

(b) the reasons for the delay in the process, indicating the progress, so far, made in giving effect to this Act, enacted seven years ago?

**Recommendations of Gujarat  
Government on welfare of  
handicapped**

575. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recommendations from the State Government of Gujarat for the welfare of handicapped have been pending with Government for the last two years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when these cases are likely to be cleared?

**Procedure of child adoption**

576. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of Non-Governmental Organisations have pointed out that existing procedures of child adoption in the country are faulty leading to child trafficking; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction in this regard?

**Proposal for OBC status to Muslims in Assam**

577. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Assam is considering a proposal to grant all the Muslims in the State the status of Other Backward Classes (OBCs);

(b) if so, whether Government have received any formal proposal from the Government of Assam in this behalf; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

**Proposal for grant-in-aid for new project at Dimapur, Nagaland**

†578. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal for grant-in-aid for introduction of a new project by the Leema Ayyar Memorial School at Dimapur in Nagaland is under consideration of Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof together with the reasons for the proposal remaining pending for the last several years; and

(c) by when Government would take a final decision on this proposal?

**Views of States on creamy layer amongst the backward classes**

579. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether all States have given their suggestions and views on the issue of creamy layer amongst the backward classes with regard to the reservation policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the stand taken by each State Government on the issue; and

(d) the steps being taken to arrive at a decision?

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†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

#### **Rehabilitation of destitute old**

580. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any immediate plan to rehabilitate the destitute old in the country;

(b) whether Government have any plan to give sufficient pension to the destitute old in the country;

(c) by when Government would have adequate housing for the destitute old in the country; and

(d) the percentage of destitute old who receive pension from State and Government, separately alongwith the figures for the last three years, year-wise?

#### **Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000**

581. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000 contains certain flaws which were contrary to the interest of delinquent children; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to correct them?

#### **Recommendations of NCBC on OBCs**

582. SHRIBACHANILEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have accepted the recommendations of the National Commission for Backward Classes on the identification of OBCs in the seven States and notified the list;

(b) if so, the details of the list as notified, State-wise;

(c) by when the OBC lists for other States are expected to be finalised; and

(d) the names of other social groups of these States who applied to NCBC for the inclusion of some more communities but applications were rejected/kept pending, particularly from Gujarat?

#### **Inclusion of Ravalta and Jaunpuri tribes of Uttaranchal in the ST list**

583. SHRI KAILASH JOSHI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision for inclusion of Ravalta and Jaunpuri Tribes of the Nogaon, Purali and Mari development areas of Uttarakashi district and Theyoor Jaunpur development areas of Tehri-Garhwal district of Uttaranchal in the list of Scheduled Tribes;

(b) if not, since when the matter is pending before Government; and

(c) by when a decision is likely to be taken for inclusion of the said tribes in the list in the light of the direction issued by the Supreme Court dated the 8th July, 1996 in the matter?

#### **Commercialization of various art and craft of tribals**

584. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plans to promote and commercialize the various art and craft of the different tribals of the country to help them to be more economically strong;

(b) if so, the details of any such projects or proposals on which Government are willing to undertake;

(c) the ground work prepared till date by Government on the same; and

(d) by when tribals would be economically independent based on such projects or proposals?

#### **Naxalites activities in tribal areas**

585. DR. MANMOHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been considerable increase in the activities of naxalites in the areas which have a high concentration of tribal population;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the measures taken to control the incidences of violence in these areas?

#### **Demonstration by staff of CPWD at Nirman Bhawan**

† 586. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Non-Gazetted Office Staff Association of Central Public Works Department had organized a demonstration at Nirman Bhawan;

(b) if so, the purpose behind organizing the demonstration;

(c) whether any demand was also made to Government through this demonstration; and

(d) if so, the details of their main demands and by when Government would take a decision on their demands?

#### **Housing scheme for Assam**

587. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any housing scheme through HUDCO for the State of Assam;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of funds granted for construction of houses in urban areas of Assam during the last three years?

#### **HC fines DDA for mix-up in allotment**

588. SHRI B.J. PANDA:  
SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

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

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "HC fines DDA for mix-up in allotment," which appeared in the Times of India, dated the 5th October, 2002;

(b) if so, the details of harassment to genuine allottees;

(c) whether this case of deliberate harassment has been enquired into by some authority;

(d) if so, the action against the guilty officials;

(e) whether the High Court has directed DDA to carry out checks of all such cases and not to ask for delayed payment charges; and

(f) if so, the results thereof?

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†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Mixed land use policy of DDA**

589. SHRI B.J. PANDA:

SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

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

(a) the details of mixed land use policy of DDA;

(b) whether all the illegal constructions on industrial land are proposed to be regularized under this policy;

(c) whether this policy will not give a fillip to similar illegal actions; and

(d) if so, the safeguards against commercial use of residential plots?

**Electric Trolley Buses Project in Delhi**

590. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

SHRI B.J. PANDA:

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

(a) whether Electric Trolley Buses are proposed to be imported from Russia for DTC in the capital;

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

(c) whether routes have been identified for the purpose; and

(d) by when the proposed project would be implemented?

**Private participation for urban infrastructure development**

591. SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH:

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

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

(a) whether Government have sought wider private participation to meet

Rs. 17,000 crore fund shortage for urban infrastructure development in the country;

(b) if so, whether his Ministry has stated that Government, States and local bodies have been able to provide only Rs. 5,000 crore for developing urban infrastructure facilities; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken to meet the shortage of fund?

**Investments by HUDCO**

592. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:

SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

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

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Economic Times, dated 10th October, 2002 regarding investments being made by Housing and Urban Development Corporation (HUDCO) in companies with doubtful ability to repay; and

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

**Allotment of land to Schools**

593. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

SHRI BHAGATRAM

MANHAR:

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

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Justify cheap land allotments, Government to Schools", which appeared in the Times of India, New Delhi, dated, the 24th October, 2002;

(b) if so, the names of 265 private schools that were given land on throw away prices with details of total price of the land;

(c) whether these schools are not fulfilling the basic conditions set down by Government; and

(d) if so, the action taken against these schools, so far, by Government?

#### **False age records of DDA employees**

594. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:  
SHRI BHAGATRAM  
MANHAR:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi Development Authority (DDA) has more than 1,000 employees who are above the retirement age of 60 years, but still are working due to false age records on their papers;

(b) if so, the complete details thereof;

(c) the steps Government propose to take to ascertain the real number of such employees through scrutiny and proper medical fitness examinations;

(d) whether Government would immediately retire these employees after proper scrutiny and examination; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Habitat Centres**

595. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the HUDCO has set-up Habitat Centres in certain States;

(b) if so, the number of Habitat Centres set up by HUDCO in Orissa, so far;

(c) the details of other projects to be taken up by HUDCO in Orissa; and

(d) the fresh steps taken by Government to make HUDCO Niwas Scheme more competitive in the present lower interest regime?

#### **Purchase of poor quality paper by DoP**

596. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry had reported to the PAC that Directorate of Printing had purchased about 90121.244 Mt. printing paper worth Rs. 210.46 crores during the period between January, 1992 to April, 2000;

(b) whether CAG during its investigation found that quality of printing paper so purchased/procured had deteriorated as a result paper was wasted during process of printing and the consumption hovered around 31 per cent to 44 per cent; and

(c) whether his Ministry propose any stern action against responsible official for the loss so occurred?

#### **Low occupancy of flats in Dwarka sub-city**

597. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of flats constructed by the DDA and various Cooperative Group Housing Societies in the various sectors of Dwarka sub-city;

(b) the number of flats allotted and occupation given under these two categories;

(c) whether it is a fact that the rate of occupancy is low with large number of flats lying vacant;

- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to remove the infrastructure inadequacies, if any, responsible for the low occupancy?

**Overlapping jurisdiction of municipal bodies and urban development authorities**

598. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware that most of the urban local self institutions in the country have become weak over the years due to overlapping of jurisdiction of municipal bodies and urban development authorities which has resulted in unplanned and uncontrolled growth in urban areas;
- (b) if so, the details of the directions given/proposed to be given by Government to the States to ensure that Municipal bodies in various States retain their original powers in planning and controlling the constructions in their areas of jurisdiction; and
- (c) the recommendation of the recent Zonal Conference of Urban Development Ministers in this regard?

**Use of vacant land at Rouse Avenue in Delhi**

599. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the DDA did not prepare any scheme for the use of the land lying vacant for years at Rouse Avenue in Delhi like construction of multi-storey flats or to have auctioned the land to fetch high prices;
- (b) if so, the reasons for not taking any action on the above;

- (c) the reasons for allotting the land to two Societies;

- (d) under whose recommendations/ rules/regulations was the land allotted to those societies; and

- (e) whether there is any proposal to get the matter enquired by the CBI and to bring the guilty persons before law?

**Conference of Ministers of Urban Development and Housing**

† 600. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a Conference of Ministers of Urban Development and Housing was held recently in Delhi;
- (b) if so, the decisions taken in this conference and the steps taken by Government, so far, to implement the same;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that Government have asked the States to bring the stamp duty below five percent;
- (d) if so, whether any time-limit has been fixed for the same; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Illegal parking sites in MCD and NDMC areas**

† 601. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of illegal parking sites functioning in the areas of Municipal corporation of Delhi and New Delhi Municipal Council togetherwith the annual amount of losses being suffered by the local bodies; and

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(b) by when, Government would take strict action to check the illegal parking sites being run by the mafia and protect general public from being looted, indecent behaviour and also prevent the loss of revenue to the tune of crores of rupees being caused to the local bodies?

**Maintenance of photo-type setting system-6**

602. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Directorate of Printing has incurred an amount of Rs. 78,43,280/- during the period from 1st June, 1994 to 30th November, 2001 on the maintenance of 100 terminals of photo-type setting system-6;

(b) whether most of the terminals were found to be out of use and press authorities failed to furnish the terminal-wise utilisation before the CAG investigating team;

(c) whether an unprofessional monitoring system and the existence of nexus between officers of Directorate of Printing made it easier for the firm to claim inflated amount from Government; and

(d) if so, the action contemplated in the matter?

**Levy of user charges by States**

603. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have asked States to levy user charges as part of an exercise to help States to augment resources for undertaking urban infrastructure projects;

(b) whether this levy of user charges is a precondition for accessing Central aid for urban reforms; and

(c) if so, the aims of this scheme and the objectives for which it is designed?

**Status of AUWSP in Andhra Pradesh**

604. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of Centrally sponsored Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme (AUWSP) in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the number of review meetings of Central authorities with concerned State authorities during the last three years to review the progress of AUWSP in the State; and

(c) the details of the outcome of such meetings?

**Construction of houses under New Housing and Habitat Policy**

605. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had formulated a new Housing and Habitat Policy in 1998 as per which two million additional dwelling units every year were to be constructed;

(b) whether the two million dwelling units have been constructed every year;

(c) if so, the details thereof, year-wise; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Shortage of drinking water in cities of  
Uttar Pradesh**

† 606. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number and names of major as well as medium cities of Uttar Pradesh where there is shortage of drinking water togetherwith the number and names of those cities, out of these, where situation is very critical; and

(b) the reasons for shortage of drinking water in several major cities despite of all the water supply schemes togetherwith the action being taken by Government to meet the shortage soon?

**Development of Guwahati city**

607. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is considering to develop Guwahati, the only city of North-Eastern Region, by improving its roads and drains;

(b) if so, the details of the plan; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Integrated residential township with  
foreign participation**

608. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approved the project for setting up an integrated residential township with foreign participation;

(b) the place where this township will be set up; and

(c) the names of the foreign participants and the contribution of each of them alongwith details thereof?

**Schemes for alleviation of urban  
poverty**

609. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Centrally-sponsored schemes under implementation for alleviation of urban poverty in Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Gujarat;

(b) the progress of the said schemes during the last three years;

(c) whether Government intend to modify certain schemes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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