

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Wednesday, the February 26, 2003/Phalguna 7, 1924 (Saka)*

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

Total number of questions—155

Opening of new coal mines

767. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been considering to open several new coal mines in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(c) whether the total investment likely to be required to open new coal mines have been assessed;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the details of sources through which amount is likely to be mobilised; and

(e) the time by which the task of opening new coal mines is likely to commence?

Royalty on coal received by Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Maharashtra

†768. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) when the coal royalty will be refixed now;

(b) the amount of royalty received by Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Maharashtra during last three years; and

(c) the amount likely to be received by these States against coal royalty by the end of the current year?

Extinguishing fire at Jharia Coalfield

†769. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the measures being taken to extinguish the fire broken out in Jharia Coalfield; and

(b) the number of incidents took place while mining coal in an unauthorised manner during the last one year in B.C.C.L. alongwith the status thereof?

Import of coal

†770. SHRI LAJPAT RAI:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that coal was imported in the country during the last three years;

(b) if so, the quantity of coal imported in the country during 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 separately;

(c) whether the need for import of coal arose due to non-fulfilment of demand of coal from indigenous production; and

(d) if not, the facts in this regard?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Export of ALH

771. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:
Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is exporting the indigenously developed Advanced Light Helicopter;

(b) if so, the countries where it is being exported; and

(c) the annual production of ALH by Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd.?

Construction of houses for defence personnel

772. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Defence has proposed construction of dwelling units for defence personnel;

(b) if so, whether such dwelling units would be for the benefit of ex-personnel of defence also and on ownership basis;

(c) if so, whether any construction is proposed to take place in Tamil Nadu;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

India's plan in weapons market

†773. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is making any effort for securing its own place in the vast weapons market of the world;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Agreement with Russia for manufacture of high tech defence equipments

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

(a) whether it is a fact that our country has signed an agreement with Russia recently for manufacture of high tech defence equipments;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what will be the mode of payment for technology transfers; and

(d) whether it will be adjusted under the barter trade in rupee payment or foreign exchange will be given as payment?

Construction of Ordnance factory at Rajgir, Bihar

†775. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the Ordnance factory being constructed at Rajgir in Bihar; and

(b) by when the production is likely to begin there alongwith complete details thereof ?

Indigenous production of Bofors Guns

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

(a) whether India plans to produce Bofors Guns indigenously;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when production will start?

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Production of lethal munitions by private sector

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

(a) whether Government have approved production of certain lethal munitions in private sector;

(b) if so, details of the munitions in which private production has been allowed; and

(c) fresh steps taken to frame safeguards to prevent their falling in wrong hands keeping in view deteriorating security situation in the country?

Shrinking size of IAF

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

(a) whether it is a fact that our Air Force has lost 110 MIG-21s during last decade, while it acquired only 54 fighters (16 MIG-29/38 Sukhoi-300) during this period;

(b) if so, reasons for rapidly shrinking size of IAF; and

(c) fresh steps taken by Government to fulfil the urgent demand of 130 Mirage-2000V of IAF in order to retain its fighting capabilities?

MIG aircrafts crash in 2003

†779. SHRI D.P. YADAV: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of MIG aircrafts which crashed during the year 2002-2003;

(b) whether technical faults are the cause of crashing of these aircrafts and whether any scheme is being formulated

for modernisation of the aircrafts; if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the Committee on Defence had recommended for withdrawal of these aircrafts from the fleet of Air Force; if so, what action has been taken thereon?

Violation of Indian air space by foreign aircrafts

780. SHRI BALBIR K. PUNJ:
SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) how many times Indian air space has been violated by the foreign aircrafts, with dates, areas and the countries of origin of the defaulter planes in the last five years; and

(b) what action has been taken by Government in the case of each violation with details thereof?

Maintenance of Russian made submarines by Visakhapatnam dockyard

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

(a) whether the Visakhapatnam dockyard has specialization in the maintenance of Russian made submarines;

(b) if so, whether Iran has sought Indian assistance to maintain its four Russian made submarines;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Iran and India have also agreed to hold joint naval exercises; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

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**Recruitment of youth in
armed forces**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the youths are not reaching in adequate numbers for recruitment into the Indian Army, Navy and Airforce; and

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

Defence expenditure

783. SHRI PRASANTA
CHATTERJEE:
SHRIMATI CHANDRA
KALA PANDEY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state the percentage of expenditure on defence compared to GDP during 1998—2002, year-wise?

Proposal to repeal Article-371

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

(a) whether Government propose to repeal Article-371 alongwith Article-370 of the Constitution, since Jammu and Kashmir has been granted special status under Article-370 similarly Nagaland has been granted such status under Article-370;

(b) the views of Government with regard to Article-371 since removal of Article-370 has been a political issue for the last five decades; and

(c) the basis on which dialogue is going on for solution of Nagaland problem?

Money spent on police

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

(a) how much money is spent on the police at the Centre;

(b) what has been the increase, year-wise; and

(c) how much is estimate to be sent in the next five years?

**Action against guilty of disturbing
communal harmony**

†786. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an unsuccessful efforts were made by the Vishwa Hindu Parishad to organise pooja in the Kutub Minar complex in New Delhi;

(b) the action taken by Government against those disturbing communal harmony in the country by such heinous acts; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Disaster management plan for Delhi

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

(a) whether National Committee on Disaster Management has drawn up some Disaster Management Plan for Delhi;

(b) whether the High Court of Delhi has warned the Government for laxity or inaction on the above issue, as reported in the Hindustan Times of 17th December, 2002; and

(c) if so, the action taken by Government to meet the requirements?

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Suicide cases in the country

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

(a) whether it is a fact that cases of suicides in our country are on the rise; if so, what are the main causes leading to this extreme step and number of these unnatural deaths during the last two years;

(b) whether Kerala State is at the top in such cases as reported in the Financial Express dated the 17th December, 2002; and

(c) whether Government have drawn up some plans to educate the youth and create awareness among them against this menace; if so, the details thereof?

Shortage of vehicles etc. in New Delhi District

789. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the police stations in New Delhi District are facing acute shortage of vehicles and are in need of sophisticated fire arms, vehicles and bullet-proof jackets;

(b) whether it is also a fact that since some of the most sensitive Government installations of the country are based in this District which has a number of VVIPs living there, the threat perception in the District is more; and

(c) if so, what action is being taken by Government and details thereof?

Training to lower level jail staff

790. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that institutions for imparting professionally structured training to lower level jail staff do not exist in adequate number, thus adversely effecting the reform process amongst the prisoners; and

(b) if so, whether Government are thinking of issuing suitable comprehensive guidelines and giving financial support to State Governments in this regard with a view to reforming the jail inmates which may ultimately lead to lowering of crime rate?

Acceptance of 'Right to Food' as fundamental right by NHRC

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

(a) whether Government agree with the National Human Rights Commission's decision of accepting 'Right to Food' as a fundamental right; if so, whether Government would like to take action at the earliest in this regard; and

(b) if so, the details thereof; if not, the reasons therefor and how Government propose to fulfil the right to food keeping in view the starvation deaths?

More power sought by Nagaland

792. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Nagaland has sought more powers under Article 371-A of the Constitution during peace talks held in the 2nd week of January, 2003 with the Centre; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

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Deputation of CISF personnel to protect VIPs

793. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to depute Central Industrial Security Force personnel to protect VIPs;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether they have been given enough training to deal with situations?

Anti-terrorist cells in States

794. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set-up special anti-terrorist cells in each State to face any terrorist related activities; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard, with number of such cells situated in each State?

Request for conferring 'Bharat Ratna' on Kalpana Chawla

795. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the criteria for conferring 'Bharat Ratna' title on an individual;

(b) whether the Central Government have received requests from the public to confer 'Bharat Ratna' title posthumously on Kalpana Chawla, the Indian born astronaut;

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government; and

(d) if the request is not being considered favourably, the reasons for rejecting the request?

Organisations created by ISI

796. SHRI B.P. SINGHAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the ISI has created many organisations that ostensibly are meant for social service but their actual purpose is to engineer hatred between Hindus and Muslims of India;

(b) if so, the names of such organisations alongwith the source/sources of their fundings; and

(c) the reasons for not putting a ban on these organisations yet?

Functioning of NGOs in India

797. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of Non-Governmental Organisations operating in India are funded from abroad;

(b) if so, the details of such NGOs, their purported activities, their sources and extent of funds received by them during the last three years;

(c) whether the existing machinery/legal frame-work to monitor the use of these funds is considered adequate; and

(d) if not, the steps being taken to fine-tune the monitoring mechanism to scrutinise the functioning of these NGOs?

Multipurpose National Identity Card

798. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to introduce Multipurpose National Identity Card to each and every Indian;

(b) if so, when will it be launched and the estimated cost for covering all citizens in the country;

(c) what is the reason for taking up this pilot project; and

(d) how many people from Karnataka are proposed to be covered under the above project?

Violence in Gujarat after Godhra incident

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the violence in Gujarat has continued after Godhra incident;

(b) if so, the number of incidents of communal violence registered in Gujarat and elsewhere till date with their causes; and

(c) the steps being taken to curb communal violence in the country?

Temporary work-permits to Bangladeshis

800. SHRI DINA NATH MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to prepare a national and State-wise Register of illegal Bangladeshi migrants living in India;

(b) whether Government have plans to give them temporary work-permits and Identity Cards containing their Bangladeshi and Indian addresses thereon; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Training and arms to police forces of border States

†801. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme to provide sophisticated training and arms to police forces of border States;

(b) if so, whether concerned States have been asked to formulate action plan in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Suspected ISI agents arrested in U.P.

†802. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases in Uttar Pradesh during the last two years in which involvement of ISI of Pakistan is suspected togetherwith the number of ISI agents arrested;

(b) the details of the arms, explosives and narcotics seized; and

(c) the steps taken to check these activities?

Violations of human rights

803. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether violations of human rights have been reported from Uttaranchal area over the disappearance of two activists of People's Union for Democratic Rights agitating for rehabilitation of Tehri Dam oustees;

(b) if so, whether any complaint to the effect has been lodged with the National Human Rights Commission; and

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(c) whether NHRC has investigated into the violation and the findings thereof?

Closing down of rehabilitation camps in Gujarat

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

(a) whether Government have any firm study of the measures of relief and rehabilitation adopted in the wake of the Gujarat riots last year for providing shelter to the riot-victims;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the rehabilitation camps and relief shelters have been finally closed down and the last of the riot-affected refugees have been persuaded to return to their homes;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor and the measures proposed to be adopted to send the victims back to their homes by inspiring confidence in them?

Present status of Ansal Plaza shoot-out case

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Dr. Hari Krishan Agarwal who contested the police version about the shoot-out in the Ansal Plaza some months back has filed complaint in the C.R. Park Police Station about mysterious calls alleged to have been received by him from Dubai;

(b) if so, whether any inquiry has been instituted into the complaint;

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

(d) the present status of the Ansal Plaza shoot-out incident?

Planting of bombs in schools

806. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that terrorists in Kashmir had planted crude bombs in fire extinguishers in a girl school;

(b) if so, whether the Ministry has taken effective measures to direct the local police to check all equipments in all schools of all districts in the Kashmir Valley; and

(c) if not, whether Government intends to give fresh directives to the local police for the same?

Women personnel in Riot Control Units

807. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of women personnel in various Riot Control Units;

(b) whether Government have any plans on increasing this number in the near future;

(c) whether Government realizes the fact that male riot control personnel mishandle women demonstrators; and

(d) if so, whether Government is willing to issue orders for tackling women demonstrators by women riot control personnel?

Shelters for the old age persons during winter

808. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than

2000 people died of severe winter in North India;

(b) if so, whether Government have any plan to build shelters for the old particularly during winter;

(c) whether Government have any plan to give warm clothes to needy people during winters; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Dacoities in Delhi

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

(a) whether Government have studied the contents of the news-item captioned "Swaroop Nagar main dus gharo men dakaiti" and "Dakaito ne kahar barpaya" appearing in Rashtriya Sahara and Amar Ujala, Delhi on the 3rd and 4th February, 2003 respectively;

(b) whether Government have analyzed such law and order situation prevailing in the national capital city itself; and

(c) if so, what concrete steps are being taken in this regard?

Task force to face natural calamities

†810. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that our country is vast, having hills, deserts and rivers and surrounded with sea where any natural calamity may struck in any part of country every year;

(b) if so, whether Government have constituted such trained and organised task force at district level which could be capable in dealing with excess rainfall, hailstorm, land

sliding, flood and earthquake like natural calamities; and

(c) if so, the names of the States where such task force have been set up?

Setting up of Integrated Command for Disaster Management

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

(a) whether Government have set up any Rapid Action Force or Integrated Command for disaster management; if so, the details thereof alongwith their jurisdiction;

(b) who will Head the integrated command, what will be his jurisdiction and whether command will be permanent or temporary; and

(c) whether Government have taken any immediate action by conducting any inquiry into it; if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Specialised rescue team for disaster

812. SHRI B.P. SINGHAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have advised all the State Governments to set up specialised search and rescue teams to tackle emergency disasterous situation like earthquake, storm, train accidents and fire etc.;

(b) if so, the names of States that have formed as well as those that have not formed such teams; and

(c) in view of increase in train accidents and earthquakes the steps that have been taken by Government against the States who have not formed any kind of specialised rescue team for disaster?

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Children staying in jails with their mothers

813. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how children staying in jail with their mothers, are looked after by the jail authorities;

(b) whether adequate nutritional and educational arrangements are being made for these children;

(c) whether the Supreme Court had issued notice to the Ministry of Home Affairs on women and children to improve the conditions of children in the jail; and

(d) if so, whether the Ministry has taken notice of Supreme Court's anxiety and has it improved the situation in the jails?

Reasons for floods in H.P.

†814. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any study to ascertain basic reasons of severe flood three years back in Kinnaur, the border district of Himachal Pradesh which caused great loss to life and property;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government have considered to take any steps to check the occurrence of such incidents because of ecological imbalance in the border area due to clandestine nuclear tests and experiments in the neighbouring country, China?

Land erosion in Assam

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

(a) the total land area eroded due to erosion in Assam year-wise since April, 1995 to October, 2002 showing agricultural and habitable land separately;

(b) the number of families become homeless due to erosion in Assam since April, 1995 till October, 2002;

(c) the number of families affected and total value of damage done due to flood year-wise during the period; and

(d) the amount allocated from National Calamity Relief Fund and remained utilized during this period in Assam?

Terrorist incidents in the country

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

(a) the number of terrorist incidents occurred, number of persons and terrorists killed in them during the last three years alongwith quantum of arms and ammunition captured;

(b) the efforts being made by Government to check such incidents effectively in future and also the efforts made by Government at the international level; and

(c) whether terrorist incidents have also started to take place in Rajasthan?

Citizenship to individuals in Kerala with Pakistani citizenship

817. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representation is

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received recently by Competent Authority for solving issues related to the citizenship of individuals having Pakistani citizenship and settled at Malappuram district of Kerala alongwith their family during early period of free India;

(b) if so, the action taken thereon;

(c) whether competent authority will consider this issue in consultation with Government of Kerala;

(d) whether any inquiry is initiated during the year 2003 by District Collector of Malappuram on denial of ration card to the family members of above individuals, who are citizen of India by birth; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Crime against women in Delhi

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

(a) whether it is a fact that crime against women in Delhi remained high in the year 2002 in comparison to the year 2001;

(b) if so, what are the respective figures for such crime for the last two years; and

(c) what strenuous efforts are being made to check the crime against women in the capital?

Population of the country

819. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise population in the country according to the Census 2001; and

(b) the State-wise population of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and other Backward Castes in the country according to Census 2001?

Appointment on compassionate grounds pending with Delhi Police

† 820. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of cases of appointment on compassionate grounds are still pending with Delhi Police since the year 1995, the number of such dependents who have already been given appointment, the name-wise details thereof, the number of dependents waiting for their appointment, the number of persons, out of them who belong to Scheduled Tribe category and whose appointment has been cancelled, the grounds on which their appointments have been cancelled, the name-wise details thereof; and

(b) whether Government will issue directions to the police to appoint all these candidates belonging to Scheduled Tribes category on compassionate grounds?

Undertrials in jails

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

(a) the percentage of undertrials amongst the prison inmates population in the country for the last three years; and

(b) the authorised capacity of jails and the actual number of prisoners in the jails, year-wise?

Constitution of State Human Rights Commission

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of

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States have still not formed State Human Rights Commission as required by the National Human Rights Act;

(b) if so, the name of those States and the details thereof; and

(c) the actions undertaken by Government to correct the situation and other details arising thereof?

Crime rate in the metro cities

823. SHRI CHO S. RAMASWAMY:
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present level of crime rates in all the metros of the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that the crime rate is gradually on the rise in these cities;

(c) what are the reasons for the increase in crime rates; and

(d) what major steps are being initiated to control the situation?

Funds for modernisation of police

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

(a) whether Government have decided to provide some special funds to the States for the modernisation of police force in the State in the context of the country's security environments;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the States which are more adversely affected by the terrorist activities will be allowed some additional reasons like Jammu and Kashmir, Andhra Pradesh and West Bengal etc.; and

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

Al-Qaida activity in Tripura

†825. SHRIMATI PREMA
CARIAPPA:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Chief Minister of Tripura has furnished information about terrorism being spread by Al-Qaida in entire area there;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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

Disturbances created by terrorists

826. SHRI PRASANTA
CHATTERJEE:
SHRI JIBON ROY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether like Assam, Government of West Bengal and Tripura are continuously drawing attention of the Central Government about the terrorists creating serious disturbances including murder and taking shelter in the adjoining States;

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

(c) what was the request from the State Government?

Closing of riot files by police in Gujarat

827. SHRI JIBON ROY:
SHRI PRASANTA
CHATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether police of Ahmedabad in

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particular and Gujarat in general are closing riot files as reported in the Times of India dated the 9th January, 2003;

(b) how many persons were named in the FIR during the last carnage in Gujarat;

(c) how many of them have been arrested and chargesheeted;

(d) what was their political affiliation as reported in the FIR; and

(e) what is the progress of rehabilitation of the riot victims of Gujarat?

Separate census of SCs/STs and minorities

†828. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:
SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether separate census of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and minorities is undertaken in the country under the programme of National Census;

(b) if so, the reasons for not carrying out the census of persons of Scheduled Tribes living in Delhi; and

(c) what are the reasons for discontinuing this census which was being carried out regularly since last several years?

Population of different communities as per Census 2001

†829. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY:
SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been manifold increase in the populations of Hindus, Muslims, and Christians

respectively as per the Census of India 2001; and

(b) if so, the State-wise and district-wise details regarding increase of population of various communities from the years 1947 to 2001?

Meeting of National Integration Council

830. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI:
DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether no meeting of National Integration Council has been called after 1992; and

(b) whether Government think that NIC is no more relevant to the building of national unity and integrity?

Flight over no-fly-zone

831. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY
SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on 20th November, 2002 Lufthansa's flight flew over the Prime Minister's house which is a no-fly-zone by breaching the security of the Prime Minister;

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

(c) whether any interrogation has been carried out on the errant pilot of Lufthansa flight;

(c) if so, the outcome of the interrogation; and

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(d) what action Government have taken on the pilot?

Usefulness of national identity cards

832. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM:
SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item "Mother of I-Cards: 5000 crore", appeared in the Indian Express dated the 13th January, 2003; if so, what are the details in this regard;

(b) whether Government have made any indepth study about its usefulness and implementation;

(c) whether this exercise of spending Rs. 5,000 crore for new Multipurpose National Identity Card (MNIC) worth when we have already spent enough for electoral identity card; and

(d) what purpose will be served when there exists an identity card?

Banning of gelatine

833. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether gelatine is used by naxalites in landmines and claymore mines to attack patrols;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Union Government in this regard;

(c) whether the State Governments have also urged Union Government to provide support to the police operations by allocation of more funds, equipments, training and expertise; and

(d) if so, the response of the Union Government thereto?

Cases filed under POTA

834. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:
PROF. M.M. AGARWAL:
SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI:
SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of the cases filed under 'POTA' in various States of the country during the last one year so far;

(b) the number of persons arrested and chargesheeted and convicted under the said Act; and

(c) the details of the persons arrested and released or released on bail during the said period under the said law?

Arrest in connection with Gujarat riots

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

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether individuals belonging to VHP, Bajrang Dal and RSS have been arrested after the incidents of Gujarat riots after Godhra train carnage;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the status of cases registered against them in the criminal courts?

Labs in the country

836. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
MISS MABEL REBELLO:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number and locations of key Government Forensic, Fingerprint, Arsenic and Biological labs that are involved in solving crime in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that these Government institutions are located in different parts of the country;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to build more such labs in all corners of India;

(d) if not, whether Government realizes that often key evidence in a crime gets destroyed during transportation; and

(e) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

Unclaimed vehicles lying in parking lot of Connaught Place

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

(a) the estimated number of years since when some vehicles have been lying unclaimed in the underground parking at Connaught Place, Delhi alongwith the number of such vehicles and whether Government have names and addresses of owners of the said vehicles; and

(b) if so, the details thereof; if not, the reasons therefor and the decision Government would like to take for disposal of all vehicles lying unclaimed?

Loss incurred by Hindustan Copper Limited

838. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Hindustan Copper Limited has been incurring losses continuously for the last many years;

(b) whether it is also a fact that inspite of reduction in the man-power of HCL under VRS for which Government has given grant-in-aid for more than Rs. 500 crores

during the last two years has also not helped HCL to arrest the losses; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what remedial action is being taken by Government thereon?

Lifting of ban on asbestos mining

839. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether mining of asbestos is banned presently in India on health grounds;

(b) if so, whether Government are aware that some countries have lifted the ban on asbestos mining after research reports established that asbestos did not affect the health of miners;

(c) if so, whether the lease holders of asbestos mines in Rajasthan have sought lifting of the ban on asbestos mining; and

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

Manganese ore reserves in Orissa

840. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the various manganese ore reserve areas in Orissa;

(b) whether the manganese ore procured from those areas are exported;

(c) if so, the annual procurement and export of manganese from those areas during the last three years; and

(d) the details thereof?

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Illegal mining of chromium
in Orissa**

841. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the illegal chromium mining in Orissa;

(b) if so, the number of incidents which have come to the notice of the Central Government during the last three years;

(c) the reaction of Government thereto; and

(d) the steps taken to put an end to such illegal mining?

Discovering of gold ore in A.P.

842. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large scale deposits of gold ore have been found in Kurnool district of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when, mining of gold is likely to start at the discovered sites?

Presence of diamond mines in Andhra Pradesh

843. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether presence of diamond mines has been found in Krishna, Guntur, Cuddapah and Prakasam districts in Andhra Pradesh by Geological Survey of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when, mining operations are likely to be started in these mines?

Foreign capital investment in mining sector

†844. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that foreign capital investment has been approved in the mining sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether high class technology has been introduced in the mining sector after getting approval for the capital investment, and if so, in what manner?

Rise in gold prices

845. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that gold prices are shooting up in the recent past;

(b) if so, the reasons for such a sudden spurt in the price of gold and other precious metals such as platinum, etc.; and

(c) the total quantity of gold imported by India during the last five years, year-wise?

Electrification of villages from solar energy in Himachal Pradesh

846. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) number of villages in Himachal Pradesh that have been electrified with the help of solar energy cells during the last three years;

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(b) what is the potential of electricity connection using solar energy in the State; and

(c) how much funds have been allotted to Himachal Pradesh under the Solar Village Electrification Scheme during this year?

Bio-mass farming on the barren land in Bihar

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

(a) whether Government of Bihar have sent any plan to Central Government to start Bio-mass farming on the barren land; and

(b) if so, the details of the action being taken by the Central Government thereon?

Setting up of wind power generation stations in Rajasthan

848. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up wind power generation stations in the State of Rajasthan during the Tenth Plan period;

(b) whether the places where these wind power generation stations will be set up have been identified; and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any target has been fixed for setting up of wind power generation stations; and

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

Providing power through non-conventional energy sources to J&K State

849. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether programmes under the scheme providing power through non-conventional energy sources had to be undertaken in Jammu and Kashmir State also; and

(b) if the answer is in the affirmative, would he explain as to why such programmes were not undertaken in the Jammu and Kashmir State earlier?

National Project for Improved Chulhas (NPIC) in HP

850. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the Budget allocations made for the National Project for Improved Chulhas (NPIC) for Himachal Pradesh during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the amount utilised during the same period;

(c) the nodal agency which is monitoring the working of the project; and

(d) the steps taken/to be taken to ensure implementation of the project?

IAS Officer involved in corruption cases

†851. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an IAS Officer of Himachal Pradesh cadre who was

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working in the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution till some time ago has been reportedly facing an enquiry on the charges of corruption and amassing wealth disproportionate to his known sources of income;

- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the latest position of this case?

News-item on corruption

†852. SHRI LAJPAT RAI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH
'LALAN':

Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press report appeared in the Indian Express dated 18th December, 2002 under the heading "Transparency International says Rs. 26,278 crore goes as bribes each year—Corruption rot infects health sector most";

(b) if so, whether Government have examined the report;

(c) if so, to what extent it has been found this report true;

(d) what action Government propose to take in this regard; and

(e) whether this will have greater impact on our foreign investments?

Involvement of officials in scandal and corruption cases

853. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of officers belonging to

All India Services, service-wise, found involved in serious scandals and corruption charges during the last three years;

(b) the number of them finally indicted and action taken against them; and

(c) what action is proposed to be taken to ensure that these officers maintain high standards of public morality and integrity?

Cases pending in CAT

854. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases filed in the Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT) during last three years;

(b) the number of cases settled in those years;

(c) the details of the cases pending at the moment;

(d) the steps taken to clear the backlog; and

(e) the details thereof?

Kendriya Bhandars in Delhi

†855. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Kendriya Bhandars situated at Gole Market area are not being supplied rice regularly and resultantly consumers have to face the difficulties;

(b) whether Government are aware that the employees of the Kendriya Bhandars at Gole Market and Kali Bari prepare underweighing packets of the every

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commodity and even the rice for the ration is also sold in the open market in packets; and

(c) what action Government propose to taken against them?

**Free power connection under the
Kutir Jyoti Yojana**

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

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Orissa Government propose to release 1.32 lakh families free power connection under the Kutir Jyoti Yojana, as reported in the Asian Age, dated the 9th January, 2003;

(b) if so, the financial help that has been or would be provided by the Centre to the State for the purpose; and

(c) whether any other Plan is on the anvil under the rural electrification schemes in the State?

**National Energy Conservation
Programme**

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

(a) the power saved by industry during the last five years as a part of National Energy Conservation Programme, year-wise; and

(b) what are the incentives that Government is giving for conserving energy to industry and others during the last five years?

Demand and supply of power in U.P.

858. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the total demand and supply of power in the State of Uttar Pradesh at present;

(b) the present power generation capacity, plant-wise;

(c) the estimated demand and supply of power in 2003, district-wise; and

(d) the necessary steps taken by Government in this regard?

Setting up of power plants in U.P.

859. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to set up power plants in Uttar Pradesh during the Tenth Plan period;

(b) if so, the location-wise details thereof alongwith the funds allocated for the same; and

(c) the necessary steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

**Monitoring the power reforms work of
SEB's**

860. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Centre monitor the power reforms work of State Electricity Boards;

(b) if so, the rating of reforms undertaken, State-wise; and

(c) the action proposed against the States failing to implement time-bound reforms inspite of incentives?

**Allocation of fund for rural
electrification programme to
Rajasthan**

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

(a) the details of allocation of funds to

Rajasthan for the rural electrification programmes during the Tenth Plan period;

(b) whether the Government have received any proposal from the State Government of Rajasthan in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of action taken by the Central Government in the matter?

Loan from PFC to GRIDCO in Orissa Power Sector

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

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether GRIDCO in Orissa has been sanctioned a loan of Rs. 200 crores by the Power Finance Corporation, if so, works that would be executed out of this, as reported in the New Indian Express, dated the 23rd January, 2003;

(b) what is hydro power generation position of the State utility; and

(c) where does Orissa stand in the ratings of State Electricity Boards made by the Credit Rating and Information Services of India Limited (CRISIL)?

Tenth Plan targets of Power Sector

863. SHRIMATI SHABANA AZMI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether targets on capacity addition in the Power Sector during the Tenth Plan period *i.e.* 2002—2007 are unlikely to be met;

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

(c) to what extent it will be less against the Government of India's target; the estimated shortage; and

(d) what are the steps being taken to meet the shortage of power?

Privatization of power transmission and distribution

864. SHRI C. RAMACHAND-
RAIAH:
SHRI K. KALAVENKATA
RAO:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the high-powered Committee set up by the Orissa Government has rejected the World Bank perspective that privatization of transmission and distribution of power reduces losses;

(b) if so, the recommendations of the Committee;

(c) how Ministry of Power views this report;

(d) whether Government proposes to suggest to 'go slow' to those estates which are vigorously following and policy of privatizing the power transmission and distributions; and

(e) in the light of Orissa Committee recommendations whether MoP wants to appoint high-powered Committee to look into the issue from national perspective?

Hydro-electric projects in U.P.

†865. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of hydro-electric projects

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being implemented in State of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the period, determined for the completion of these projects; and

(c) the effective steps being taken by Government to complete the projects of the State?

Land acquired by the NTPC in Orissa

866. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the total areas of land acquired by the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) from villagers in the State of Orissa for its thermal power plant;

(b) whether the NTPC has given any compensation to the land oustees;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken to pay suitable compensation to these land oustees?

Shutting down of the NTPC plants at Kayamkulam

867. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether news-item in "The Hindu" dated the 2nd February, 2003 that "there is a virtual break down in Kerala's power generation due to the close on the heels of reports on the likelihood of the NTPC plants at Kayamkulam being shut down due to saline water intrusion and reservoirs of all the hydel projects in the State are drying up fast" is in attention of competent authority;

(b) if so, action taken to avoid shut down of NTPC due to saline water intrusion and to avoid the power crises; and

(c) whether steps will be initiated to supply more power to Kerala?

Indian and foreign private sector companies for power generation in H.P.

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

(a) the number of Indian and foreign private sector companies with whom agreements have been signed during the last five years for power generation in Himachal Pradesh and Punjab, separately;

(b) its installed generation capacity; and

(c) the progress that have been achieved in this regard?

Pending Hydro Electric Projects of Kerala

869. SHRI N.K. PREMA-CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Hydro Electric Project of Kerala denied permissions by the Government in the context of Cauvery dispute and details thereof;

(b) the limit of estimated cost amount of project to which clearance of Central Government is not essential;

(c) whether any project is pending to which clearance is essential; and

(d) whether any project is pending which is not directly connected with Cauvery dispute?

Power projects under construction with the assistance from the World Bank

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

(a) the number of power projects under construction in the country with assistance from the World Bank and other multilateral agencies, State-wise;

(b) the amount allocated to each of the projects by the World Bank;

(c) by when the projects are likely to be completed indicating cost over run because of delay; and

(d) the future plans to meet rising power demand?

Projects research by NHPC

†871. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of projects taken up for research by NHPC, State-wise;

(b) whether out of these projects some projects are proposed to be taken up for construction during the present Plan-period; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Rural electrification in hilly States of the country

†872. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of rural electrification work executed in hilly States of the country including Uttaranchal State;

(b) whether any target has been laid down for electrification of all villages and hamlets in these States; and

(c) if so, by when total electrification of these States is likely to be completed?

Fund from World Bank for power reform in Karnataka

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

(a) whether Government are aware that

the World Bank has not released even a single rupee this year to Karnataka for carrying out reforms in the power sector;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that the World Bank has committed to fund the State's power sector reforms; and

(d) if so, the reasons for Government to withheld clearance?

Committee on electrification of rural areas

†874. SHRI D.P. YADAV: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Committee has been constituted for electrification of rural areas;

(b) if so, whether the said Committee has formulated any scheme for electrification of all the villages in the country; and

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

Power unit in Nabi Nagar, Bihar

†875. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme to set up power generating unit in Nabi Nagar in Aurangabad district of Bihar; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Thermal Power Station in Barh, Bihar

†876. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a big thermal power station is being set up in Barh in Bihar by NTPC;

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(b) by when it is likely to be completed; and

(c) the details of the number of labourers who will be employed, on its completion?

Less production of power than installed capacity

†877. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the eastern region of power sector in the country, production of power is less than its installed capacity;

(b) if so, the capacity of hydel power production in this region;

(c) the number of power projects (Plants) set up in this region till December, 2002 alongwith the production capacity of plants; and

(d) the percentage of annual production of power out of their installed capacity?

Installed production capacity of Eastern Zone of power sector

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

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Eastern Zone of power sector is installed with production capacity which is more than its own requirement; and

(b) if so, the details of installed production capacity and the demand of power in this zone?

Clearance of private power projects

879. SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that none of the private sector power projects cleared by the CEA since 1999 have achieved completion and have began generating power;

(b) if so, name and capacity of these projects and the date of their clearance by the CEA;

(c) what are the main reasons for the delay and how many of the projects have achieved financial closure; and

(d) what steps has the Ministry taken to ensure the faster completion of these projects?

New power projects in U.P.

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

(a) the names of the new power projects approved for generation of power and rural electrification in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the year-wise details of rural electrification in the State during the last three years; and

(c) the target fixed by the Planning Commission and Rural Electrification Corporation during 2000-2001 ?

Requirement availability and shortage of power in U.P.

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

(a) the requirement and the percentage availability and shortage of power in Uttar

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Pradesh during the years 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 and to date;

(b) the steps taken to bridge the gap between the supply and demand; and

(c) to what extent the situation of power has improved after taking these steps?

Evaluation study on Watershed Projects in A.P.

882. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA
RAO:

SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Ministry of Rural Development had sponsored an evaluation study on Watershed Projects in Andhra Pradesh by Agricultural Finance Corporations;

(b) if so, the findings of the study;

(c) the recommendations of study;

(d) in the light of findings of the study, whether Government proposes to sanction more projects for Andhra Pradesh; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Sanction of funds for different schemes of rural development

†883. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI LAJPAT RAI:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had allocated funds to every State under Sampoorna Gram Swarojgar Yojana, Swarna Jayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana, Indira Awaas Yojana, Watershed Programme and Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana for the years 2000-2001, 2001-2002 and 2002-2003;

(b) if so, the amount allocated under each programme, year-wise during the said years; and

(c) the actual amount spent out of the amount allocated for the above years for every work in each State?

Unused funds in DRDAs

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

(a) whether it is a fact that as of March, 2002, over 10,000 crores of funds given to the District Rural Development agencies is unaccounted for;

(b) if so, the details of DRDAs, State-wise, which are properly utilising the funds and which are under-utilising the funds or which are not giving any accounts for the funds that have been allocated to them; and

(c) the reasons for blocking the funds at the block level ?

Non-utilisation of sanctioned funds for DRDAs

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

(a) whether it is a fact that due to lack of proper monitoring a large sum of money allocated for District Rural Development Agencies has not been properly utilized;

(b) if so, the amount released for this work during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) the percentage of work completed during this period and the targets set for the same; and

(d) steps taken or proposed to be taken to streamline the work of agencies?

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**Pension for destitutes
old persons**

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

(a) whether Government have conducted any survey to find the number of destitute old in the country;

(b) if so, the figures of destitute old for the last three years, State-wise;

(c) how many of these destitute old are getting pension from the Government of India and State Government; and

(d) the amount Government of India gives to the destitute old and what the State Government gives to the destitute old ?

Drought prone areas in the country

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

(a) the total drought prone areas in the country during the last five years especially in the western part of India;

(b) the steps taken/are being taken by Government to solve this problem; and

(c) the amount spent to contain drought in the country so far?

**Review of Rural Development
Programmes**

888. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Centre is reviewing the programmes of Rural Development Projects/Schemes in terms of non-performance and under-utilisation of funds;

(b) whether the Centre has sought the

concurrence of States to facilitate constitutional amendment to Panchayati Raj Act and if so, the reaction of the States thereto;

(c) whether the Centre plans to revise the guidelines for Rural Development Schemes and Projects; and

(d) the details thereof?

**Proper functioning of District Rural
Development Authority**

889. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that District Rural Development Authority is not yet properly instituted; and

(b) if so, what measures would the Minister adopt to make the institution work properly?

**Central assistance to Andhra Pradesh
for poverty alleviation**

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

(a) the quantum of Central assistance given to Andhra Pradesh for poverty alleviation programmes during the last five years with details, year-wise;

(b) year-wise details of funds actually utilized by the State Government on these programmes, programme-wise and achievements made;

(c) whether Government noticed any misappropriation of funds in implementation of the programmes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Implementation of rural
development programmes**

891. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR
REDDY:
PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ:
SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA
RAO:

Will the Minister of RURAL
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the various rural
development programmes sponsored by
the Central Government in various States;

(b) whether any review has been made
by the Centre on the implementation of
these programmes in those States including
the utilisation of allocated funds;

(c) if so, the achievement made by each
State in the implementation of their
programmes during the last three years; and

(d) the details thereof?

**Review of working of Panchayati Raj
in States**

892. DR. ABRAR AHMED:
SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:

Will the Minister of RURAL
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to
review the implementation of its schemes
and working of the Panchayati Raj in the
States;

(b) if so, whether Government are also
considering granting more powers to
Panchayati Raj institutions; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Central assistance to Rajasthan for
drinking water scheme**

†893. SHRI MOOLCHAND
MEENA:
SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY:

Will the Minister of RURAL
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of Central assistance
provided to the State Government of
Rajasthan during the last three years for
implementation of drinking water scheme
in rural areas of the State;

(b) whether State Government of
Rajasthan has sought additional Central
assistance for providing drinking water in
the State; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Revision of guidelines for
PMGSY**

894. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY:
SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of RURAL
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to
revise the guidelines of Pradhan Mantri
Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY);

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the
new guidelines do not permit repairs to
black topped or cement roads; and

(c) if so, what alternative arrangements
are suggested for repairing such roads
whenever necessary?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

'Swajaldhara' scheme for drinking water

895. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA
SEKAR REDDY:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRI R. P. GOENKA:
SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:
SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA
RAO:
PROF. M. SANKARA-
LINGAM:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new scheme christened 'Swajaldhara' for providing drinking water in all the villages in the country by 2004 has been launched recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the role assigned to and obligations devolving upon the beneficiary States/ Panchayat level institutions;

(c) the financial allocations made for the project, State-wise, and the criteria adopted for determining the requirement/share of different States, especially those affected by successive droughts during the last few years; and

(d) detailed phased programme worked out for various States to cover all the villages and the monitoring mechanism established therefor?

Implementation of PMGSY by States

896. SHRI V. V. RAGHAVAN:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise target and progress made in the construction of rural roads under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY); and

(b) Government's reaction to the unsatisfactory performances of certain State Governments in implementing the Yojana?

Rural Development Schemes for Assam

897. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of schemes for the development of rural areas of Assam are being implemented;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what was the target fixed and the achievements made in respect of each District of Assam during the last three years?

Utilisation of PMGSY funds by States

898. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a recent review of the ongoing Rs. 60,000 crore rural road connectivity project launched under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) in December, 2000 has brought out a huge shortfall in actual utilisation of funds released and the road works completed by various States;

(b) if so, the details of the annual works approved, funds allocated, the works actually completed and funds utilised, State-wise;

(c) reasons for the shortfall, State-wise; and

(d) steps taken to achieve the targets and utilise the allocated funds?

**Rajiv Gandhi National Drinking
Water Mission project approved by
Government**

899. SHRI C. O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) State-wise details of drinking water projects approved by the Central Government under Rajiv Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission;

(b) the present status of the work in the States on the projects; and

(c) the measures taken by Government for the early completion of the projects?

**Provision of fluoride free drinking
water**

900. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to high fluoride content drinking water, many States are not in a position to provide potable drinking water;

(b) if so, steps Government propose to take to provide pure drinking water to all citizens in the country and the approximate amount required for the purpose and the details thereof; and

(c) the details of persons affected due to consumption of high fluoride water in the State of Karnataka for the past three years and the details thereof?

**Sanction of Rs. 20 crores to
Uttaranchal under Sector Reform
Project for Rural Road**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that during his

stay at Nainital Hon'ble Prime Minister had made an announcement to sanction Rs. 20 crores under 'Sector Reform Project of Rural Roads' for rural development;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a proposal of Rs. 20 crores for sector reform project for rural roads has been forwarded to the Ministry by Uttaranchal Government;

(c) if so, whether the above mentioned amount of Rs. 20 crores has been provided to Uttaranchal Government as announced by Hon'ble Prime Minister; and

(d) if not, the reasons for delay and by when the hindrances would be removed?

Status of PMGSY in Bihar

†902. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the status of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana in Bihar; and

(b) the complete details thereof?

**Tackling of drinking water shortage
in the country**

†903. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that severe shortage of drinking water is being felt in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, whether Government have any scheme for construction of reservoirs like ponds and lakes in rural areas in order to check the declining water level in these areas; and

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

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Sectoral reform programme on drinking water in Andhra Pradesh

904. SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMA-CHANDRAYYA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Centrally sponsored sectoral reform programme on drinking water in Andhra Pradesh turned to be a disaster with the State Government failing to make use of 90 per cent grant provided under the scheme;

(b) if so, whether out of Rs. 55 crore sanctioned so far to the State as part of the first instalment for five selected districts to provide safe drinking water, Rs. 8 crore was spent;

(c) if so, what are the main reasons for not utilising the money; and

(d) what action has been taken against the State by the Union Government?

Development of handloom sector

†905. SHRI D.P. YADAV: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the action being taken for development of handloom sector;

(b) whether any special insurance scheme is being formulated for weavers; and

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

Cotton production in the country

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

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the total cotton production in the

country during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the total share of the country's exports in the World in terms of percentage; and

(c) the details of factories/units targeted to upgrade through Technology Mission on Cotton since its inception in 2000, State-wise?

Import of cotton

907. SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMA-CHANDRAYYA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether firm global prices and better quality of local produce have cut India's cotton imports in the year 2002;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the total imports of cotton during 2002;

(d) to what extent it will reduce in 2003;

(e) the cotton production made in the country during 2002 and 2003; and

(f) to what extent it will be sufficient to meet the local demand?

Handloom industries in Bihar

†908. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering any proposal for the development of handloom industries in the country;

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

(c) the details of steps taken/proposed to be taken for providing assistance to the industry in the country and particularly in Bihar during the last three years?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Setting up of Jute Raw Material Bank
in Karnataka**

909. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY:
Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased
to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set
up a 'Jute Raw Material Bank' in Karnataka
to promote the manufacturing and
marketing of jute diversified products;

(b) if so, by when it will be set up; and

(c) whether Government has identified
the place for its location?

Closed NTC mills

†910. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA:
Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased
to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the
textiles mills under NTC. are closed at
present and its workers are unemployed;

(b) whether it is also a fact that property
in these mills has been deteriorating and
land under such mills is lying unused; and

(c) if so, by when Government would
solve the problems of such mills?

Textiles growth centre

911. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will
the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to
state:

(a) whether Textiles Centre
Infrastructure Development Scheme for
providing financial assistance to
infrastructural families at established
Textiles Growth Centres has been launched;

(b) if so, whether financial assistance
has been provided or proposed to be
sanctioned to growth centres in any centre
in Tamil Nadu;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Concession to Indian textile sector to
compete with Chinese textile sector**

†912. SHRI D.P. YADAV: Will the
Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering
to give further concessions to Indian textile
sector in order to compete with Chinese
textile sector;

(b) whether Government contemplate
to set up a reconstruction fund for
rejuvenation of sick industries;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Ending quota regime under WTO in
2004**

913. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will
the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to
state:

(a) whether the quota regime that ends
under WTO in the year 2004 will open up
100 billion USD for trade of world textiles
to the Indian Textile Industry;

(b) if so, what preparation the Ministry
of Textiles has made to take advantage of
this opportunity;

(c) whether Indian textile industry is
restructuring itself by evolving
manufacturing and marketing strategies to
use these opportunities to increase their
business; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Limited bilateral deal in textiles

914. SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMA-CHANDRAYYA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and the European Union (EU) are examining the possibility of a limited bilateral deal in textiles to compensate New Delhi for the likely loss of over 250 million Euro arising out of diversion of trade to Pakistan due to duty-free access being granted to it by EU;

(b) if so, whether any final decision in this regard was reached during the 12th session of the India-EU joint commission held in Brussels on July 10, 2002; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Changing the duty entitlement passbook rates

915. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the readymade garment exporters are gradually losing their competitiveness in quota markets like the United States, European Union and Canada on account of escalating cost at home and high import duty imposed by these countries;

(b) if so, whether the revenue department has initiated a move to verify the present market value of exports to fix duty entitlement passbook rates;

(c) whether Government has received the revenue department's report on this; and

(d) if so, the steps being considered by Government to change the duty entitlement passbook rates to help the garment exporters?

Import duty on silk

916. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY:
SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that excess dumping of silk from China has adversely affected the silk sector in the country;

(b) if so, the details in this regard, with relevant cost figures for the raw material and the final product, State-wise and year-wise for the last three years;

(c) the details of measures taken by Government to protect the indigenous silk producers;

(d) whether Government is contemplating to enhance the import duty on silk as one of the measures to protect the Indian Silk Sector; and

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

Revival packages for NTC mills in Kerala

917. SHRI N.K. PREMA-CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the steps initiated to implement the revival package of NTC mills in Kerala;

(b) the time-frame by which the revival scheme be fully implemented including the payment of VRS to surplus workers; and

(c) the details and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Deteriorating state of powerloom industry

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

(a) whether Government are aware of the deteriorating state of Powerloom Industry in the Country particularly in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have formulated any action plan for the revival of this vital sector; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Amendment in WTO Agreement of Textiles and Clothing

919. SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMA-CHANDRAYYA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether even as Brussels is willing to accept India's stand that implementation of two major proposals relating to textile sector does not lead to reopening or amendment of the WTO Agreement on Textile and Clothing;

(b) if so, whether US, Canada have blocked India's proposals relating to textile sector at WTO;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

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(d) how many countries have supported India's proposals on textiles; and

(e) what is the fate of India's proposal at present?

Investment and growth in textiles

920. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Steering Group on Investment and Growth in Textiles was set up;

(b) if so, whether the committee has given its recommendations;

(c) if so, how many recommendations have been accepted/implemented;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Apparel Parks for Export-Scheme

921. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Centrally sponsored scheme titled "Apparel Parks for Export Scheme" has been launched and such a park has been set up at Surat;

(b) if so, whether such a park is proposed to be set up at Madurai;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

YOGENDRA NARAIN,
Secretary-General.

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