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 26, 2001/Agrahayana 5, 1923 (Saka)

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

Total number of questions—155

New package for development of NER

749. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH-EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government propose to announce any new package for the development of North-Eastern Region;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
 - (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
 - (d) the reaction of Government thereto?

Valuation of PSUs to be disinvested

- 750. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have decided to disinvest some PSUs by the end of March, 2002;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether proper valuation of such PSUs has since been completed; and
- (d) if not, on what basis the disinvestment will take place in these PSUs?

Disinvestment plan regarding ITDC and HCI Hotels

- 751. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Government have adopted a flexible approach in its disinvestment plans in the case of ITDC and HCI Hotels;
- (b) whether two of the better performing hotels in Delhi and Bangalore are being offered on lease while the remaining six are to be sold outright;
- (c) whether the funds that accrue from the sale of five hotels will go to Air India to enable it to clean up its balance sheet prior to its disinvestment; and
 - (d) if so, the details of these plans?

Valuation of IPCL

752. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY: SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of DISINVEST-MENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned

"Fresh bids for IPCL sell off", which appeared in the Telegraph, dated the 8th November, 2001;

- (b) if so, Government's reaction thereto;
- (c) whether IPCL had engaged M/s. Deloitte, Haskins & Sells to value assets of IPCL, as reported;
- (d) if so, the methodology of valuation adopted; and
- (e) whether the same is in line with valuation method adopted, so far, for Modern Foods, BALCO and others?

Valuation of IPCL's Baroda unit

753. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY:

Will the Minister of DISINVEST-MENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of purchase of IPCL's Baroda unit by IOC;
- (b) whether the valuation by both the companies are at wide variance;
- (c) if so, the norms of valuation used by IOC and IPCL;
- (d) whether the same is in line with the norms set by his Ministry;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the status of disinvestment of IPCL's other units?

Sale/lease of Ashoka and Samrat Hotels in Delhi

754. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Ashoka Hotel was established by the first Prime Minister

of India for hosting foreign dignitaries and their delegation members but Government have decided to sell/lease the said hotel;

- (b) whether Government have examined the security aspects as the Ashoka and Samrat Hotels are in close proximity of the P.M. House; and
- (c) whether Government have also examined the alternative proposition of hosting foreign dignitaries in other hotels from the view point of their security and hospitality on behalf of the country?

Disinvestment of Central Public Sector Enterprises

- 755. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of Central Public Sector Enterprises in operation, till date;
- (b) the total investment made in all these enterprises;
- (c) how many of them are earning profits and how many are incurring losses; and
- (d) the disinvestment programme of Government regarding these enterprises?

Disinvestment of NALCO

756. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have a proposal for the disinvestment of the National Aluminium Company (NALCO);
 - (b) if so, the reasons for its disinvestment;
- (c) the private companies which are bidding in the disinvestment; and
 - (d) the details thereof?

News-item 'Disinvestment in mid-air crash'

- 757. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Disinvestment in mid-air crash", which appeared in the Telegraph, dated the 2nd September, 2001;
- $\begin{tabular}{ll} (b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; \\ and \end{tabular}$
- (c) the steps proposed to be taken to clear the road blocks obstructing the programme of disinvestment in respect of the companies mentioned in the news-item?

Disinvestment Policy

- †758. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that there is no permanent and clear-cut policy of disinvestment:
- (b) whether 249 public sector units have been earmarked for disinvestment;
 - (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether it is also a fact that customers are not available even for the profit making undertakings;
- (e) if so, the total number of such undertakings in the country which have become sick/are on the verge of closure due to Government's policy; and
 - (f) the effects thereof on our economy?

Disinvestment of heavy industries in public sector

- 759. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) the heavy industries, in the public sector, identified for disinvestment, till date;
 - (b) the names of those industries; and
- (c) the total capital investment made by Government therein and the amount expected to be realised through disinvestment during 2001-2002?

Disinvestment of fertilizer industries

- 760. SHRI MAN MOHAN SAMAL: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the fertilizer industries are on the agenda of Government's disinvestment proposal;
- (b) if so, the details of industries in the priority of disinvestment; and
- (c) whether there is any other option open for those industries other than disinvestment?

Disinvestment of loss making PSUs

- 761. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) the reason for not taking up disinvestment in loss making PSUs in the country;
- (b) the total number of loss making PSUs as on date;
- (c) the total revenue earned by Government through disinvestment, so far; and
- (d) the number of proposals presently pending for clearance?

Recognition of Indian medical degrees abroad

762. SHRI NAGENDRA NATH

SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA:

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

- (a) whether medical and dental degrees of Indian Universities are recognised in USA, Canada, Australia and UK and *vice-versa*;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor and the rationale thereof; and
- (d) the details of foreign Universities which are recognised in India for higher studies?

Shortlisting of candidates for admission in Safdarjung Hospital Medical College

763. SHRI GAYA SINGH: SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA:

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

- (a) whether 100 candidates have been shortlisted for admission in upcoming Safdarjung Hospital Medical College for 2001-2002 session;
- (b) if so, the methodology adopted for shortlisting the candidates;
- (c) whether 15 per cent seats have been earmarked/given to CBSE candidates;
 - (d) if so, the details thereof; and
 - (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Functioning of Rural Primary Health Care Centres

- 764. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that inspite of creating vast infrastructure, the Rural Primary Health Care Centres are functioning sub-optimally;
- (b) if so, how Government propose to improve the functioning of Rural Primary Health Centres;
- (c) whether any concrete programme has been drawn; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

Funds earmarked for research in AIIMS

- 765. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether AIIMS, though a pioneer institution in medical education and research, barely gets one to two per cent of funds for research;
- (b) whether out of 339 research projects undertaken during the decade 1991-2000, final reports have not been received in respect of 153 projects till 31st March, 2000;
- (c) whether the Institute is not treating burn cases, dog-bite cases and infectious diseases;
- (d) if so, the detailed reasons for each; and
 - (e) Government's plan in this regard?

Provision for extension in service on administrative ports

†766. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any provision for extension in service on administrative ports after retirement from Government service;
- (b) if not, whether it is a fact that efforts are being made for giving extension in service to a retired administrative officer from the All India Institute of Medical Sciences;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the said officer is also participating in court proceedings as an official representative; and
- (d) if so, what decision Government have taken in this regard?

Anthrax cases reported in the country

767. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: SHRI SURESH PACHOURI :

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

- (a) the number of Anthrax cases reported in the country, State-wise;
 - (b) the number of deaths, if any;
- (c) whether Government are prepared to meet the Bio-terrorism situation in the Country; and
- (d) the stocks of medicine available for treatment of Anthrax in district hospitals in the country?

Gap in manpower and infrastructure at the primary health care level

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is persistent gap in manpower and infrastructure especially at the primary health care level in the country;
 - (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the steps Government propose to take to bridge this gap; and
 - (d) the details thereof?

Vacancies of Senior and Junior Residents in AHMS and Safdarjung Hospital

769. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the *modus operandi* of filling of vacancies of Senior and Junior Residents on regular basis in AIIMS and Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi;
- (b) the details of vacancies of Senior Residents and Junior Residents in department/speciality in AIIMS and Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi and on 1st August, 2001 and 1st October, 2001; and
- (c) the details of vacancies since filled up as also those remaining unfilled, till date?

Steps taken to tackle biological/ chemical attack

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

(a) whether doctors in Government hospitals are ill-equipped for combating the

situation arising out of biological or chemical attack in the country especially in the Capital;

- (b) if so, whether Government have sent the doctors for training to the Gwalior based military centre to combat the situation; and
- (c) if so, what other concrete steps Government have taken to have adequate control over the situation?

News-item, "One among every 100 Indians is a nut"

- 771. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTA-CHARJEE: 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, "One among every 100 Indians is a nut", which appeared in the Deccan Chronical, dated the 8th October, 2001;
- (b) if so, whether any authentic study has been carried out to confirm the newsreport, as mentioned above;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the action proposed to be taken to address the problem highlighted in the above mentioned news-item?

Condition of mortuary in AIIMS

772. SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA: SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:

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

(a) whether Government are aware that the mortuary in the AIIMS is in a very bad condition and the deep freezer was out of order for a long time;

- (b) if so, since when the deep freezer was not working and the reasons for not repairing/replacing the same; and
- (c) the steps proposed to be taken to keep clean and maintain properly the mortuary of such a prestigious Hospital in the country?

Death of infants in King George Medical College, Lucknow

773. PROF. A. LAKSHMISAGAR: SHRI H. K. JAVARE GOWDA: SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK:

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

- (a) whether Government are aware of the shocking incident of infants' death in the King George Medical College, Lucknow recently for want of oxygen;
- (b) if so, whether Government have made any inquiry into callousness of the hospital authorities resulting in the death of infants:
 - (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the reaction of Government with regard thereto and the action taken in the matter?

Payment to local chemists attached to CGHS dispensaries

774. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: MISS FRIDA TOPNO:

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

(a) the details of registered local chemists attached to each CGHS Allopathic and Ayurvedic Dispensary in Delhi and outside Delhi for supply of medicines;

- (b) the reasons for registration of local chemists in CGHS dispensaries;
- (c) the criteria for payment to the chemists for local purchase of medicines;
- (d) whether registered chemists are facing lot of difficulties for late payment of their medicines;
- (e) the pending payment of each chemist in Delhi, month-wise; and
- (f) the details thereof and the reasons for not giving the payment to chemists in time?

Infection cases in Burns Ward of Safdarjung Hospital

775. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that almost all the patients admitted in Burns Ward of Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi develop infection;
- (b) if so, the number of such cases of infection reported during the last one year;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that Burn Intensive Care Unit of Safdarjung Hospital is in dilapidated condition and has broken and obsolete machinery; and
- (d) if so, the steps being taken in this regard by Government to upgrade the ward with modern machinery and equipment?

Spread of TB

776. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

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

- "WHO warn of killer TB's spread", which appeared in the Times of India, New Delhi, dated 31st October, 2001;
- (b) whether World Health Organisation (WHO) has warned that tuberculosis is spreading at an alarming rate in countries along with the common border of Afghanistan and Pakistan;
- (c) if so, what steps Government have taken in this regard; and
- (d) the number of cases of TB as reported in the country during the last six months?

Raid on Bhagirath Place drug market

777. SHRI AMAR SINGH: SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that during the recent raid by the Government of N.C.T. of Delhi more than 90 per cent of the medicines at Bhagirath Place, Delhi which is North India's largest wholesale drug market, have been found to be spurious;
- (b) if so, the names of the companies whose drugs have been found spurious;
- (c) the action Government have taken against them; and
- (d) the steps being taken by Government to check sale of spurious drugs?

Promotion of Ayurveda and other indigenous systems of medicine

778. SHRIMATI SARLA MAHESH-WARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to

promote the Ayurveda and other indigenous systems of medicine as a complementary to Allopathy; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken in this direction?

Proposal of a hospital in Rajouri District

779. MIRZA ABDUL RASHID: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that in Jammu and Kashmir, in between Poonch and Akhnoor at the district headquarter Rajouri a proposal for two-hundred bed hospital is under consideration as per recommendation of Tenth Finance Commission of India;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that Honourable Prime Minister was kind enough to consider establishment of such a hospital at Rajouri when a deputation met him in Delhi few months back; and
 - (c) if so, the status of the proposal?

Methodology of advertising vacancies in AIIMS

780. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that vacancies in different departments of AIIMS are not advertised properly;
 - (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) if not, the details of methodology of advertising the vacancies of Senior Residents during 2000 in dental department?

Anthrax cases in the country

781. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Anthrax cases do occur in the country and it is not the handiwork of terrorists and mischief mongers alone;
- (b) if so, the details of Anthrax cases in the country during the last three years, year-wise and State/UT-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to combat bio-terrorism using Anthrax bacteria in the country, particularly in National Capital and Southern parts of the country?

Life saving treatment for the poor

782. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that because of the prohibitive cost of cancer treatment, poor patients have to forgo life saving surgery or treatment;
- (b) whether according to a study only 50 per cent of the patients are able to afford life saving treatment while the balance are left to die; and
- (c) if so, the action Government are taking to ensure that life saving treatment is available to the poor who are unable to pay the cost of medicines and treatment of diseases like cancer, kidney failure etc.?

Vacancies of Senior Residents in Dental and Neurology Departments of AIIMS

783. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of vacancies of Senior

Residents in Dental and Neurology Departments of AIIMS as on 1st October, 2001:

- (b) whether these have since been properly advertised; and
- (c) the details of those which have since been filled up along with the names of new incumbents?

Guidelines for providing CGHS Dispensaries

784. MISS FRIDA TOPNO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have issued guidelines for providing CGHS Dispensaries in accordance with the area and population;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor:
- (c) whether Government are considering/approved proposal to provide CGHS Dispensary to the thousands of Central Government residents of Vikas Puri, New Delhi; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Accupuncture technique to treat incurable diseases

†785. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is becoming possible to treat incurable diseases through the Accupuncture technique;
- (b) if so, whether it has become now possible to treat the diseases related to ear, nose and lever also through this technique;

- (c) whether keeping in view the success of this technique, Government are encouraging several doctors practising in the modern systems of medicine to take interest in it; and
 - (d) if so, the complete details thereof?

Assistance from World Bank and WHO for various Programmes

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

- (a) whether Government have received any financial assistance from World Bank and World Health Organisation during last three years for National AIDS Control Programme, Malaria Eradication Programme etc.;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the total amount that has been spent on the above-mentioned programmes during the said period; and
 - (d) the details of the remaining amount?

Amending warning code on smoking

787. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that in some foreign countries, warning code has been amended to state that smoking causes heart diseases and lung cancer;
- (b) if so, whether Government will consider adopting similar measures in our country; and
 - (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

[†]Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Untimely deaths by spurious medicines

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the market is abundant with the spurious medicines and consumption thereof leads to untimely death and spreading fatal diseases very rapidly;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps being taken by Government to save the people therefrom; and
- (d) whether it is also a fact that the patients are undergoing its mal-effects as a result of making inappropriate use of formulas by the medicine manufacturing companies and loopholes in the safety system?

Apprehension of outbreak of Anthrax

- †789. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether there is an apprehension of outbreak of Anthrax in the country;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the measures taken by Government to combat it?

Overstay of Medical Officers of CGHS dispensaries of ISM&H

790. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Medical Officers of CGHS dispensaries of ISM&H are working at one station for more than two decades;
 - (b) whether the number of patients

relating to ISM & H dispensaries has reduced considerably because of casual/ negligent attitude of Medical Officers of these dispensaries; and

(c) if so, the action Government propose to take to improve the functioning of such dispensaries where the Medical Officers have staying for more than two decades and have become negligent towards patients?

TB patients in the country

791. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of T.B. patients at present in the country;
- (b) the total number of persons who have died of T.B., so far, in the country; and
- (c) the details of treatment which is available in the various hospitals in the country, State-wise?

Cause of population explosion

- 792. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have studied in depth the cause of population explosion;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the names of States where growth of population is on the increase;
- (d) the steps taken by Government to control the increasing growth of population in these States; and
- (e) whether Government offer any incentives to States which excel in controlling population growth?

Diversion of funds under RCH Programme

793. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware that the funds allocated by his Ministry under Reproductive and Child Health (RCH) Programme are being diverted for other purposes;
- (b) if so, the names of the States from where such diversion has been reported;
- (c) the steps taken to check such diversion and misuse of funds; and
- (d) the amount allocated to Karnataka under this programme since 1998?

Deaths due to expired medicines

794. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of deaths reported during the last three years due to use of expired medicines;
- (b) the mechanism to check the sale and consumption of expired medicines; and
- (c) the steps Government have taken to make the mechanism more effective to control the menace?

Ratio of hospitals and beds

795. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the ratio of hospitals and beds available per million as on December, 1996 and November, 2001 State and UT-wise:
- (b) the ratio of doctors and nurses available per million during the said period separately, State and UT-wise; and

(c) the growth rate of Primary Health Centres, State and UT-wise?

Amount spent on National Institute for Unani Medicine, Bangalore

796. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the amount, so far, spent on the National Institute for Unani Medicine, Bangalore;
- (b) the amount required to make it fully operational; and
- (c) by when it will be made fully operational?

Improvement in Medical Health Care Services

797. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the concrete steps taken or proposed by his Ministry for the improvement in Medical Health Care Services in the country in the context of current global threat of bioterrorism; and
 - (b) the details thereof?

Action against charitable hospitals

798. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government have warned of strict action against all charitable hospitals not adhering to their promise of providing a certain percentage of free services in lieu of the land provided to them at token or institutional price;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps Government have, so far, taken or propose to take against such erring hospitals?

Average of Ophthalmologists, Optometrists and Optionans in the country

- 799. SHRI C. RAMACHAND-RAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that for one billion population of the country, there are only 10,000 Ophthalmologists, 5000 Optometrists and 20,000 Optionans, which is less than the world average;
- (b) if so, the national and world average; and
- (c) the action proposed to be taken to fill the gap?

Report of Vision of Improvement Expert Working Council

- 800. SHRI C. RAMACHAND-RAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government are aware of the report of Vision of Improvement Expert Working Council stating that 40 per cent of the youth in Delhi can not see clearly;
- (b) if so, whether Government would get a similar survey conducted in all parts of the country; and
- (c) what strategies are being evolved to tackle the vision problem particularly of the youth?

Review of guidelines on small pox vaccination

- 801. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the World Health Organisation (WHO) has called on the

- member countries to review the guidelines on small pox vaccination in the light of the prevailing apprehension that people may be infected deliberately with the small pox virus as part of germ warfare;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps proposed to be taken by India to deal with the possible threats by the biological and chemical warfare in the wake of September 11 attack on New York and Washington?

Backlog of vacancies reserved for SCs/ STs and OBCs

- 802. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether 'backlog/carried forward vacancies' reserved for SCs/STs and OBCs are required to be treated as a 'separate and distinct group' as provided under Article 16(4) b of the Constitution to overcome 50 per cent ceiling limit on vacancies to be reserved in a year; and
- (b) if so, the 'backlog/carried forward vacancies' ascertained as per para 5 of the DOPT OM No. 36012/2/96-Estt. (Res), dated 2nd July, 1997 in respect of SCs, STs and OBCs in Group A, B, C and D categories of services as on 29th August, 1997 in his Ministry?

India's offer in crisis management

- 803. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMA-CHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether India had offered USA to send 100 doctors and 1,000 litres of blood to New York to help in crisis management;
- (b) if so, whether USA does not accept blood from India;
- (c) whether some of the Indian families in America had wanted to donate blood after

the attack but the US Government did not accept the blood as the people had visited India recently;

- (d) if so, the reasons given by the US Government; and
- (e) whether India had protested to America on this?

Educating people about diabetes

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that about 10-12 per cent of the urban population and 2-3 per cent of the rural population is diabetic;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that as per World Health Organisation report India will have 57 million diabetics by 2010; and
- (c) if so, how do Government propose to educate people about diabetes?

Spurious medicines

- 805. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMA-CHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Delhi Medical Association found only four medicines to be genuine out of 53 samples of medicines;
- (b) if so, whether similar raids have also been conducted in other States;
 - (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (d) since when such spurious medicines are being used in hospitals and sold by the chemists; and
- (e) the steps being taken by Government against the manufacturers and sellers of such medicines?

Consultation fee by private doctors

806. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have assessed the situation arising out of charging consultation fee by the private doctors fleecing the patients more than the prescribed rates in Delhi;
- (b) whether Government have taken up this issue with the Medical Council of India for regulation of their fee, according the doctors' qualifications;
 - (c) if so, the details thereof; and
 - (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Purchase of machines in different hospitals in Delhi

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

- (a) the total value of machines bought separately for different hospitals in Delhi for conducting various types of tests during the last five years;
- (b) the number of machines out of the said machines lying out of order as on October 31, 2001 and since when;
- (c) the total amount spent on maintenance and repairs of various types of machines during the last five years; and
- (d) by when Government will get these machines repaired?

Strong public health system in the country

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

(a) whether Government are of the

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opinion that stronger public health system is the only answer to bio-terrorism; and

(b) if so, the steps Government have taken for strong public health system in the country?

Flourishing of spurious drug trade

- 809. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that the spurious drug trade is flourishing throughout the country, as brought out in a recent raid on several establishments in the biggest wholesale market of medicines of North India at Delhi where out of 53 drug samples, including those of life saving medicines, picked up randomly, only four were found to be genuine;
- (b) if so, a broad estimate of this illegal trade and the details of the follow-up action taken so far, including prosecutions launched, in the recent cases; and
- (c) the details of existing machinery to check this dangerous spurious drug trade and fresh measures initiated to monitor this nefarious trend?

Family Welfare Centres in H.P.

- †810. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of Family Welfare Centres functioning specially in rural areas in Himachal Pradesh as on date, location-wise;
- (b) whether Government propose to open some more Family Welfare Centres specially in backward, hilly and rural areas in Himachal Pradesh;

- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the amount allocated to Himachal Pradesh by Government for the maintenance of Family Welfare Centres during the last three years, year-wise; and
- (e) whether this amount is sufficient for this purpose?

Implementation of Family Welfare Programme

- †811. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) the names of the States lagging behind in implementation of Family Planning Programme;
- (b) the success rate in implementation of Family Planning Programme in various States, State-wise; and
- (c) the details of the effective steps being taken and the incentives being given by Government for proper implementation of this scheme to achieve the target?

Fund given to Himalayan Institute Hospital Trust

- †812. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 3652 given in the Rajya Sabha on 22nd December, 2000 and state:
- (a) the fund given to the Himalayan Institute Hospital Trust, so far;
- (b) the areas in which people have been benefited under the scheme;
- (c) the up-to-date details of beneficiaries, area-wise/panchayat-wise; and
- (d) the number of camps organised, so far, togetherwith their respective locations?

Growth of population in the country

- 813. SHRI CHO S. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that the population of the country is growing at an alarming rate:
- (b) the reason for this alarming growth in population;
- (c) the steps being taken to control the unprecedented growth of population in the country; and
- (d) the effect of the population growth on the economy of the country?

Anthrax powder infection

- 814. SHRI CHO S. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that many areas in the country are getting affected by the Anthrax powder infection;
- (b) if so, the number of such cases identified by the Department;
- (c) whether Government are aware that it is being targeted against selected VIPs and departments to spread the fear of infection; and
- (d) if so, the steps being taken to prevent this menace and the reasons for this fast spreading infection through this Anthrax powder?

Criterion for opening Central Government Dental Colleges

- 815. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
 - (a) the number of Central Government

- Dental Colleges in each State/Union Territory:
- (b) whether the demand for dental colleges has increased;
- (c) if so, the demand thereof, State/Union Territory-wise;
- (d) the criterion fixed for establishing a new Central Dental College;
- (e) whether Government propose to open new dental colleges; and
 - (f) if so, the details thereof?

Centrally-sponsored health care programmes funded by external agencies

- 816. SHRI P. N. SIVA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of Centrally-sponsored health care programmes being funded by external agencies;
- (b) the total amount provided by those agencies during the last three years; and
- (c) the details of such external agencies alongwith the States where these schemes are being implemented?

Agreement with South Africa in health and medical science

- 817. SHRI P. N. SIVA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether India and South Africa have signed any agreement in the field of health and medical science;
- (b) if so, the main features of the agreement; and
- (c) the extent to which South Africa has agreed to provide health centres and assist India in dealing with HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and nutrition programmes?

Popularisation of Indian System of Medicine in the World

- †818. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Indian System of Medicine is being progressively practised in the World;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that biodiversity is on the verge of extinction/ collapse due to neglect of our own ancient system of medicine by Government; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

Exploiting the knowledge about genome by terrorists

- 819. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government are aware that gene terrorists can cause havoc by exploiting the knowledge about genome and create an agent far more devastating than Anthrax;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of Anthrax cases detected in India; and
- (d) the remedial measures Government propose to take to contain Anthrax cases?

Medical facilities for CGHS card holders in U.P.

- †820. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) the names of districts in Uttar Pradesh, togetherwith the hospitals therein from where C.G.H.S. beneficiaries, Members of Parliament and former Members of Parliament can get medicines;

- (b) whether Government would propose to provide C.G.H.S. facility at Muzaffarnagar, Azamgarh, Mau and Ghazipur districts in Uttar Pradesh;
 - (c) if so, by when;
 - (d) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the manner in which the facility of medicine and check-up will be provided to C.G.H.S. beneficiaries in the districts mentioned in part (b) above?

Evasion of excise duty by MUL

- 821. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Maruti Udyog Limited has been charged with excise duty evasion to the tune of Rs. 108.39 crore;
- (b) if so, since when this duty has not been paid by the MUL;
- (c) the reasons for not paying excise duty when it became due; and
- (d) whether orders have been issued to ensure that timely payment of duty is made?

Strike by employees and officers of HCL

822. SHRI GAYA SINGH: SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

- Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that the employees and officers in all the units of the Hindustan Cables Limited had gone on strike for 24 hours on 26th and 27th July, 2001; and
- (b) if so, the demand raised and the steps taken to solve their grievances?

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Privatisation of CCI

- 823. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government plan to privatise Cement Corporation of India;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the estimated investment of private investors and individuals in the CCI's public deposit scheme as on date; and
- (d) the manner in which Government propose to return the deposits of the public and non-profit institutions?

PSEs in NER

- 824. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of public sector enterprises now functioning in the North Eastern Region with their names, State-wise; and
- (b) the measures taken by Government to revitalise them?

Loss/profit making PSEs

- 825. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:
- (a) which PSEs under his Department are making losses/profits during the last three years, location-wise and State-wise;
- (b) how many PSEs stand referred to BIFR indicating present status as on date of each;

- (c) whether Government have approved revival/restructuring of any PSEs apart from BIFR: and
- (d) if so, the amount involving fresh infusion/financial burden on restructuring during current financial year of such PSEs?

Compensation to workers of sick PSEs

- 826. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government are aware that workers of many sick PSEs who opted for VRS are not being compensated adequately;
- (b) whether, in order to benefit such workers, Government have recently approved any new scheme which envisages enhancement of *ex-gratia* payment on VRS;
- (c) if so, the details of increase in *exgratia* payment of PSEs for which revision has not been effected since 1992 or thereafter; and
- (d) whether Government have, so far, implemented recommendations of Justice Mohan Committee on PSEs?

Sale of Bokajan Unit of CCI

- 827. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Bokajan Unit of Cement Corporation of India is on the agenda for sale to private company; and
- (b) the difficulty of his Ministry to keep it a public enterprise, bifurcating it from the sick CCI, as the Bokajan Unit is still a profitable concern and viability is also there?

Restructuring of Andrew Yule and Company Ltd.

828. SHRI R. SARATH KUMAR: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have any proposal to restructure the Andrew Yule and Company Limited;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any high-power Committee has been set-up in this regard;
 - (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) by when the Committee is likely to submit its report?

Technical tie-up between BHEL and USA firm

829. SHRI R. SARATH KUMAR: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether BHEL has entered into technical tie-up with USA firm;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the extent to which this state-ofthe-art technology is proposed to strengthen BHEL's position?

Revival of BOGL

830. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Expert Committee had recommended revival of BOGL in 1999;

- (b) whether Government had approved, in principle, revival of BOGL as per recommendation of Expert Committee;
- (c) if so, whether the same is being implemented by Government;
 - (d) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether there is a precedence in case of Namrup Unit of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation where Government have already started implementing revival scheme without waiting for the formal approval of BIFR; and
- (f) if so, why the same step is not being taken for revival of BOGL?

Implementation of ERC's recommendations

- 831. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROAD-CASTING be pleased to state:
- (a) whether her Ministry has expressed inability to implement the ERC's recommendation about cutting staff strength;
 - (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the aspect of inability expressed by her Ministry to implement ERC's recommendations has been examined by Government; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

Closing of DD News Channel

- 832. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government are planning to close down DD News Channel;
 - (b) if so, the reasons therefor;

- (c) whether DD News Channel is facing financial crunch or losing money on large scale; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken in this regard?

Charging of huge amount from cable operators by TV broadcasting companies

- 833. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:
- (a) whether some of TV broadcasting companies have started charging huge amount from the cable operators in the country as becoming pay channels;
- (b) if so, whether they have got any permission from Government;
 - (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, Government's reaction in this regard?

News-item regarding entry of foreign media

- 834. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Sushma volte face on foreign media entry", which appeared in the Statesman (Kolkata), dated 18th October, 2001; and
 - (b) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

Norms set by DAVP for publication of advertisements

- 835. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTA-CHARJEE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROAD-CASTING be pleased to state:
- (a) the norms followed by DAVP for publication of advertisements in the various newspapers; and

(b) the reasons for not giving any advertisement for publication in the Oil Field Times Economic Daily, which is published from Guwahati (Assam)?

Recommendation of Shunu Sen Committee

- 836. SHRI C. P. THIRUNAVUKKA-RASU: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROAD-CASTING be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that lack of proper research is one of the reasons for losing advertisement revenue to the Private Channels;
- (b) whether Shunu Sen Committee had made recommendation on the system to be adopted for research; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government in this regard?

Leasing of National Channel of DD

- 837. SHRI R. SARATH KUMAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the Prasar Bharati is planning to lease out the National Channel;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the reasons for auction of Prime Time slots of channels?

Launching of pilot project for DD viewers in NER

- 838. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROAD-CASTING be pleased to state:
 - (a) whether Government have decided

to launch a pilot project to lay a cable network for facilitation of Doordarshan viewers in North-Eastern States of the country;

- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith likely expenditure on the project; and
- (c) by when work on the pilot project is likely to be taken up?

Clearance of Harmonium by Doordarshan

839. DR. RAJA RAMANNA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware that Harmonium has been cleared for performance by All India Radio but it has not been cleared by Doordarshan;
 - (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government propose to remove this discrimination; and
 - (d) if so, by when?

Leasing of towers by AIR to FM operators

840. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMA-CHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROAD-CASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have decided to allow the All India Radio to lease out its towers to private FM operators;
- (b) if so, whether this decision will help the private sector to speed up the start of FM channels in various cities:
- (c) the main decisions taken in this regard;
 - (d) whether the officials of the AIR with

the private FM operations had met to study the technical and financial feasibility of this scheme:

- (e) if so, by when the final decision in this regard is likely to be taken; and
- (f) to what extent it has been beneficial to the country?

Inquiry into irregularities committed by companies

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

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Department of Company Affairs is inquiring into the irregularities committed by a number of companies registered in the country;
- (b) if so, the number of abovesaid companies involved in the inquiry as on September, 2001; and
- (c) the amount involved in the irregularities alleged against the said companies?

Streamlining of Judiciary

- 842. SHRI S. NIRAIKULATHAN: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that the Madras High Court had expunged certain remarks of a subordinate judge/judges of Chennai as unwarranted; and
- (b) the steps Government propose to take to streamline judiciary and to have a code of conduct for the judges?

Quicker dispensation of justice as anti-terrorism measure

843. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) while welcoming anti-terrorism measures being adopted by Government either through legislation or through tightening of vigilance content or lawenforcing agencies becoming more active, whether Government are also thinking of measures which would ensure quicker dispensation of justice in such cases, through a time-bound judicial verdict; and
- (b) if so, whether such measures would be introduced early so that a sense of deterrence could be installed in the minds of potential criminals who very often take advantage of dilatory tactics in judicial proceedings and processes?

Disappearance of Companies after mobilisation of money from share market

†844.SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that a number of companies have mobilised money from share market after implementation of economic liberalization policy in the country and have either disappeared or declared themselves sick;
- (b) if so, the number of such companies during 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001; and
- (c) the amount so mobilised from the common investors of the country?

Advocates appointed to plead cases of Government in foreign courts

- †845. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that the advocates are appointed to plead the cases of Government of India which are in the foreign courts;
- (b) if so, the total number of advocates appointed till September, 2001 and the names thereof; and
- (c) the basis on which they are appointed?

Criteria for opening Fast Track Courts

846. SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM: DR. KARAN SINGH:

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

- (a) the number of Fast Track Courts intended to be opened under the scheme and the number of such courts, so far, opened in each State;
- (b) the criteria adopted for opening of such courts; and
- (c) the number of undertrials in each State as on 1st September, 2001?

Documents pending for registration under the Companies Act, 1956

- 847. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that lakhs of documents filed under the Companies Act 1956 with the Registrar of Companies are pending for registration/recording;

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- (b) if so, the number of such documents pending for registration/recording as on 30th June, 2001 for more than a year; and
- (c) the reasons for the large pendency and the action proposed to be taken in this regard?

Vacancies of Judges in Supreme Court and High Courts

- 848. SHRI DINA NATH MISHRA: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) how many Chief Justices of Supreme Court would be sworn in and retired during the year 2002 and on what dates;
- (b) the total number of vacancies of Judges of Supreme Court, as on date;
- (c) the number of vacancies in the High Courts in the Country; and
- (d) the measures Government are taking to eliminate the delay in the procedure of appointment of Judges in the higher judiciary?

Non-payment of dividends to shareholders

- 849. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that 80 per cent of profit making companies are suspected to be faulty in the payment of dividends to shareholders;
- (b) if so, who is responsible for these unchecked irregularities; and
- (c) the steps Government propose to streamline the procedure to avoid recurrence of such lapses in future?

Fast Track Courts

- 850. SHRI N. K. PREMA-CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) how many Fast Track Courts have started functioning throughout the country;
- (b) the number of courts alongwith classification thereof, State-wise;
- (c) the reasons for the inordinate delay in starting the Fast Track Courts; and
 - (d) the reaction of Government thereto?

Comprehensive Bill on electoral reforms

- †851. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have framed any comprehensive Bill on electoral reforms in view of the present conditions in the country:
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
 - (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) by when the said Bill is likely to be introduced?

Setting up of a permanent Lok Adalat

- 852. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUK-KARASU: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government plan to set-up a permanent Lok Adalat for cases relating to public utilities;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government are proposing to set-up any other forum to settle the disputes relating to public utilities; and

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(d) if so, the details thereof?

Exclusion of non-banking financial companies from Companies Act

- 853. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether his Ministry has received any proposal from FICCI for exclusion of non-banking financial companies from the Companies Act;
- (b) if so, when such request was received by Government; and
- (c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by his Ministry in this regard?

Public limited companies not paying dividend during 2000-2001

- 854. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) the total number of public limited companies as on 31st March, 2001 in the country;
- (b) the number and percentage of public limited companies that have inspite of earning profit not paid any dividend during 2000-2001; and
- (c) the number of private limited companies which suffered loss during 2000-2001?

Purchase of cranes for Chennai Port Trust

855. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether three massive cranes costing Rs. 27.10 crore were bought for Chennai Port Trust but they are lying idle;
- (b) whether these cranes cannot be put to use; and
- (c) if so, whether an enquiry has been ordered to probe reasons for purchase of these high cost cranes and fix responsibility?

Payment of loan by JNPT and CPT

- 856. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust and Cochin Port Trust are in heavy debt for quite long from Government and World Bank;
- (b) if so, the amount outstanding as on 31st March, 2001 from each body separately alongwith penal interest;
- (c) the steps being taken to repay these loans by port trusts; and
- (d) if not, whether these loans would be waived off?

Proposal to convert some major ports into trans-shipment Centres

- 857. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:
- (a) whether there is any proposal before Government to convert some of the major ports in the country into trans-shipment Centres:
- (b) if so, which are those ports that Government propose to convert into transshipment Centres;
- (c) whether Vizag has also been included as one of the Centres; and
- (d) if not, the reasons for not making it as a trans-shipment Centre?

Handing over of surplus land of Kandla Port Trust to Gujarat

- 858. SHRI ANANTRAY DEV-SHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:
- (a) the details of actual proposal for handing over the surplus land of Kandla Port Trust to the Gujarat State;
- (b) how much land is to be handed over to State Government;
- (c) the details of action taken by Government for handing over the possession of surplus land of the Kandla Port Trust to the State; and
- (d) by when the possession of land in question would be handed over to the State?

Projects involving cargo transportation for private sector

- 859. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) has earmarked certain projects involving cargo transportation for private sector participation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith response of the private sector in the projects; and
- (c) by when, the work on these projects is likely to be started?

Proposal to replace the existing tariff authority for major ports

- 860. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:
- (a) whether there is any proposal before Government to replace the existing tariff authority for major ports with some authority having a supervisory role;

- (b) if so, the details of such a supervisory authority that Government propose to introduce;
- (c) whether Government are thinking of corporatising any port in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details of such ports and the reasons for corporatisation?

Inclusion of 'Jats' in OBC category

861. SARDAR GURCHARAN SINGH TOHRA: SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA:

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

- (a) whether Union Minister of Coal and Mines has advocated inclusion of 'Jats' in the category of other backward classes in the whole country as has been done in U.P., Rajasthan and Delhi, as reported in the Hindustan Times, dated the 29th October, 2001;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
 - (c) the reaction of Government thereto?

New welfare schemes for senior citizens

- †862. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) the new welfare schemes formulated for the benefit of senior citizens of the country;
 - (b) the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether Government have also issued directions to the courts with regard to early disposal of their cases which are lying pending for a long period; and

(d) if so, the number of the senior citizens likely to be benefited till the end of the year 2001 by it?

Welfare schemes for SCs/STs, Minorties etc. in Maharashtra

- 863. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) the details of welfare schemes and programmes formulated by Government for the upliftment of SCs/STs/Adivasis/ Minorities and other weaker sections of the society in Maharashtra during the last five years;
- (b) the details of funds allocated and spent for implementation of these schemes during this period; and
- (c) the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

Rehabilitation of child beggars

- 864. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of child beggars in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether Government have any plan to rehabilitate the child beggars in the country;
 - (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether Government plan to eliminate child begging in the country?

SC and ST beneficiaries from National SCs and STs Finance and Development Corporation

865. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the SC and ST beneficiaries who have been sanctioned loans from National Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe Finance and Development Corporation during 2000-2001 and 2001 till date;
- (b) the number of SCs and STs refused loans; and
 - (c) the reasons therefor?

Funds for Old Age Homes to Andhra Pradesh

- 866. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have provided funds to Andhra Pradesh for providing Old Age Homes and any specific action plan for the Welfare of Senior Citizens in the State;
- (b) if so, the details thereof for the last three years, year-wise; and
 - (c) the results achieved therefrom?

Senior Citizens and Old Age Homes

- 867. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMA-CHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWER-MENT be pleased to state:
- (a) the total number of Senior Citizens in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the number of senior citizens expected to be added during the next ten years, Statewise:
- (c) whether State Governments have constructed Old Age Homes;
 - (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (e) the financial assistance provided to each State during the last five years and expected to be provided during the next ten years; and

(f) the procedure under which senior citizens are provided help by Government?

Welfare schemes for SCs/STs/ Minorities etc. in Himachal Pradesh

868. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of welfare schemes and programmes formulated and implemented for the upliftment of SCs/STs/Minorities and other weaker sections of society in Himachal Pradesh during the last five years;
- (b) the details of funds allocated and spent for implementation of these schemes during this period; and
- (c) the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

Persons benefited by Disabilities Act, 1995

- 869. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) the main features of the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995;
 - (b) the date of its enforcement;
- (c) the disabled persons benefited, till date, State-wise; and
- (d) the details of achievements made in rehabilitation of the physically handicapped?

Failure of De-addiction Centres

870. DR. RAJA RAMANNA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware that De-addiction

Centres in the country are not succeeding and the number of addicts to modern chemicals or others are on the increase; and

(b) whether it is a fact that De-addiction Centres have failed to reduce the number of those suffering from addiction due to the fact that NGOs are not properly assisted financially or otherwise in the implementation of their programmes?

Tribal welfare projects by NGOs

- 871. SHRI DINA NATH MISHRA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of projects of tribal welfare sanctioned alongwith money disbursed during last three years, Statewise;
- (b) the number of projects alloted to NGOs, State-wise;
- (c) whether there is any system of monitoring the work done by NGOs which is essential as many NGOs are depending on Government money;
- (d) whether the department has come across non-functioning and money spinning NGOs during last three years; and
 - (e) if so, the details thereof?

Tribal Development Projects in Orissa

- 872. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) the Tribal Development Projects/ Programmes under implementation in Orissa;
- (b) whether Government have received any complaint regarding corruption and irregularities in the implementation of thsoe programmes;

- (c) if so, the steps taken to review the programmes; and
- (d) the action initiated against persons involved in those irregularities?

Recommendation of working group regarding empowerment of STs

- 873. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the working group constituted on empowering the Scheduled Tribes has recommended for a comprehensive National Tribal Policy to safeguard the tribal interests, particularly that of Primitive groups;
- (b) if so, by when Government are going to bring a bill before Parliament to address to issues raised by the working group;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the group has also recommended that the NGOs working in the tribal areas should compulsorily have a tribe as its chief; and
- (d) if so, the reaction of Government on this and the steps taken in this direction?

Condition of tribal students' hostels

- 874. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether tribal students' hostels are generally without electricity, water and even furniture;
- (b) whether Government's funds are diverted by certain States including Andhra Pradesh; and
- (c) the measures taken to ensure proper upliftment of the tribal students with funds earmarked by Government?

Evaluation of Urban Employment Generation Programme

- 875. SHRIMATI SARLA MAHESH-WARI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that under the various schemes of Urban Employment Generation Programme, neither the genuine beneficiaries are identified nor the muster rolls are maintained;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that evaluation of performance through reputed institutions/ organisations is not carried out on regular basis; and
- (c) if so, Government's reaction about the performance of the schemes as a whole?

Allegations of corruption against DDA officers

†876. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that allegations of corruption have been levelled against many officers and emplyees of Delhi Development Authority during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the number of these officers and employees separately; and
- (c) the number of cases against which inquiry have been conducted by Government and the number of persons found guilty, so far, alongwith the number of inquiries which are yet to be completed?

[†]Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Scheme to reform the DDA

†877. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

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

- (a) whether Government have formulated any scheme to comprehensively reform Delhi Development Authority's structure and style of functioning;
- (b) if so, the outlines of the said scheme; and
- (c) by when this decision is proposed to be finally implemented?

Financial assistance to small entrepreneurs

878. SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have launched any scheme for assisting small entrepreneurs including hawkers, rickshaw pullers etc. with loans and other financial assistance; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and its *modus-operandi* to ensure that the assistance reaches those for whom it is meant?

Infrastructure industry status to residential areas, highways etc.

†879. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOP-MENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government contemplate according infrastructure industry status to

residential areas, highways, link road connecting settlements and urban services with a view to accelerating economic activities; and

(b) if so, the criteria and procedure fixed for this purpose?

Area included/identified under NCR

- 880. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) how many kilometers area from NCT Delhi has been included/identified as the area of NCR;
- (b) whether the citizens of NCR are to be provided the same facilities being provided in NCT;
- (c) whether the agriculturists/ transporters and two and three wheelers shall be provided the facilities of CNG on the petrol pumps in the area of NCR;
- (d) whether Government are pressing the agriculturists of NCR area to pay more for such clean HSD as the other diesel is not being made available; and
- (e) if so, the reasons for discrimination and the steps being taken to compensate them?

Allocation of funds for MCD

881. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have allocated funds to the tune of more than Rs. 100 crore for Municipal Corporatrion of Delhi (MCD);

- (b) if so, the details of schemes submitted by the MCD to Government seeking such a huge amount;
- (c) whether any amount out of Rs. 100 crore has been earmarked in the developmental work specially laying of new roads in South Delhi; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

News-item "Central Government keeps prime office spaces idle"

882. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN: SHRI GAYA SINGH:

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 "Central Government keeps prime office spaces idle", which appeared in the Business Standard, dated 25th September, 2001;
- (b) if so, whether it is a fact that considerable area of office space in different Bhavans of the Central Ministries has become idle due to disbanding certain departments and shifting the offices etc.; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken to utilize such vacant spaces fruitfully?

Launching of poverty alleviation scheme

- †883. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have launched any scheme for poverty alleviation, particularly urban poverty in the country during the last three years;

- (b) if so, the amount spent on the implementation of this scheme during the years 1998-1999, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001, separately; and
- (c) the amount spent on the implementation of the same in Delhi during each of the above years, separately?

World Bank assistance for water supply and sanitation programmes

- 884. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the World Bank is assisting various States in water supply and sanitation programmes in both urban and rural areas;
- (b) if so, the details regarding such projects and their performance;
- (c) whether there is a monitoring mechanism for such projects; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

Expenditure by DDA

- †885. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) whether orders with regard to curtailment in Government expenditure are not applicable to Delhi Development Authority;
 - (b) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) if so, the reasons and under whose orders lump-sum amount is paid in the name of doing additional work despite taking overtime allowance; and
- (d) the action Government have taken or going to take against the officer issuing order of the payment?

[†]Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Land to landless persons

†886. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOP-MENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Delhi Administration had allotted residential and agricultural land under 20-point programme to the landless persons in the rural areas of Delhi during the years 1983 to 1990;
- (b) whether Delhi Development Authority is issuing notices under section 81 of Delhi Land Reforms Act to these persons holding their allotted land as illegal;
- (c) if so, whether Government are taking action against these officers of the Authority due to whom those persons are facing many problems; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

Policy to remove/check illegal encroachments in Delhi

- 887. MISS FRIDA TOPNO: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have evolved any policy to remove/check illegal encroachments in Delhi;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of complaints received by Government in this regard;
- (d) whether Government have received the complaints of Budhela Welfare Association (Regd.), New Delhi regarding public nuisance due to illegal encroachments and dumping of rubbish in village pond situated east of Charak Sadan (Vikas Puri), New Delhi; and
- (e) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government for cleanliness

and providing planned infrastructure after removing encroachments in this area?

Heavy loss to DDA

888. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether DDA had suffered a loss of Rs. 1.31 crore because of revision of contract and non-completion of construction work of peripheral storm water drain in Rohini/Dwarka till March, 2000;
- (b) whether it is a fact that delay in approval of revised lay out plan, structural foundation and finalisation of drawing has been another factor leading to heavy loss to DDA;
- (c) if so, the detailed reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps being taken to check these losses and delays?

Housing scheme for poor

- †889. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) the names of States where scheme for providing houses to the poor at half of the value will be implemented;
- (b) the details of the persons to whom the said houses will be provided in each State alongwith the basis thereof; and
- (c) the number of such types of houses proposed to be built in each State?

[†]Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Implementation of Valmiki-Ambedkar Housing Scheme

†890. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOP-MENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have formulated the Valmiki-Ambedkar Housing Scheme:
- (b) whether it is a fact that Government propose to provide pucca houses to replace the slums in different cities and metropolitan cities in the country;
 - (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the details of amount allocated by Government in this regard; and
- (e) the effective steps taken by Government, so far, to implement the said project?

World Bank Scheme for development of urban areas

- 891. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) the details of World Bank Scheme for the development of urban areas;
- (b) the details of quantum of amount released by the World Bank and by Government to the State of Karnataka for the years 2000-2001 and 2001-2002;
- (c) whether the State Government of Karnataka has implemented World Bank

- aided schemes pertaining to water supply systems and construction of underground drainages; and
- (d) if not, the measures Government propose to take for the implementation of the schemes?

Allotment of land for Mother Dairy at Vasant Vihar

- 892. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have received any request/representation for allotment of land for Mother Dairy Fruit and Vegetable Shop at Central Government Housing Complex, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) by when Government propose to allot land for the said shop in view of difficulties being faced by residents of this colony in the absence of any vegetable market there?

Budgetary allocation for IDSMT to States

- 893. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) the budgetary allocation as grants/ loans to States for integrated development of small and medium towns during the last three years, State-wise;
- (b) whether some of the State Governments have requested for hundred per cent release of the funds as grants; and
 - (c) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

[†]Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Sealing of space under staircases of Government quarters in R.K. Puram

894. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOP-MENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the under space of the staircases of mix-type multistorey (old construction) in sector-VIII, IX and XII in R.K. Puram, New Delhi have not been sealed till date by the CPWD with the result that various unidentified/unauthorised persons are living freely causing great inconvenience to Government servants;
- (b) if so, the details of the number of staircases which have been sealed/not sealed by CPWD;
- (c) whether any steps are being taken by Government regarding above matter; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

Funds under NSDP to Andhra Pradesh

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

- (a) the funds allocated to Andhra Pradesh under the National Slum Development Programme (NSDP) during the last five years, year-wise; and
- (b) the number of slums developed and the development activities undertaken in such slums of the State during the said period alongwith details thereof?

Recommendations of Group of Ministers on rural and urban housing

896. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOP-MENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have constituted a Group of Ministers to consider various issues pertaining to rural and urban housing and come up with specific action plans especially when the housing is considered to be the main theme of developing economy;
- (b) if so, the recommendations of the Group; and
- (c) by when these recommendations would be implemented?

Investment under mega cities scheme

- 897. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) the total investment made till March, 2001 under the mega cities scheme introduced in 1990;
- (b) the total number of schemes taken up and the number completed, city-wise;
- (c) how many of them are remunerative and how many are cost subsidized; and
- (d) the investment of the respective States in percentage and how much loan amount will be incurred on all these schemes taken from financial institutions?

Allocation of funds to Valmiki Awas Yojna

898.SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the total allocation of funds to the Valmiki Awas Yojna cleared by Government in third week of October; and
- (b) the scheme of expenditure of the fund under various aspects (i) the economic and social criteria of the beneficiaries (ii) the end use of the allocation, and (iii) monitoring the expenditure?

DDA flats vacant for allotment in Vasant Kunj

- 899. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of flats lying vacant for allotment by the DDA in Vasant Kunj, sector-wise and block-wise;
- (b) whether Government have made enquiries in this regard;
- (c) whether some unauthorised persons are making use of these flats; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government for allotment of such flats?

Allocation of funds to municipal corporations in the country

†900. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

- have sanctioned rupees 100 crore directly to Municipal Corporation of Delhi;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government propose to provide the same amount to municipal corporations of other cities in the country;
 - (d) if so, by when; and
 - (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

City Challenge Fund to reform urban bodies

- 901. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that \$ 160 million City Challenge Fund has been set up recently with a loan extended to Government by the D.F.I.D. of the United Kingdom to reform the urban bodies; and
- (b) if so, the details of the projects identified in various States as also of the terms of the loan?

Complaint regarding bogus payment by MCD

- 902. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have received any complaint from Bhrastachar Nirodhak Samiti (Hastal), Uttam Nagar, New Delhi regarding bogus payment worth crores of rupees by MCD in Ward No. 17, 47 and 48 Div. XXIII;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government have conducted any enquiry into those matter; and

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(d) if so, the details thereof?

Construction of community centres in Gole Market, New Delhi

†903. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of places at Gole Market in New Delhi where instructions for constructing community centres were given by former Minister of Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation Shri Jagmohan or where instructions for carrying out construction works of different types were given by his Ministry during the last two years;

- (b) the present status of each work;
- (c) the steps Government are taking or propose to take to get all the works completed; and
- (d) by when all the works will be completed?

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