

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Wednesday, the April 27, 2005/Vaisakha 7, 1927 (Saka)*

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

Total number of questions — 155

Border trade through Pangsaung custom gate

3556. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a customs gate namely 'PANGSAUNG' has been recently operationalised on the Indo-Myanmar Border in Arunachal Pradesh for two days only in a month for the purpose of border trade; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether barter trade is permissible on that gate and if not, the reasons therefor?

Proposals for setting up industries in India

†3557. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of proposals have been received to date from foreign countries for setting up of industries in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the joint ventures, if any, togetherwith the names of the concerned countries;

(c) the State-wise total amount of investment proposed to be made therein; and

(d) whether any survey has been conducted to ascertain the overall results achieved through setting up of these industries in the country?

Meeting of CM's for synchronization of trade policies

3558. SHRI R. KAMARAJ: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that Government is considering to convene a meeting of the Chief Ministers to work out the modalities as to how Government could improve its functioning to synchronise trade policies for the benefit of industry;

(b) whether it is also true that the FICCI had suggested to the Government to

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simplify the fast track mechanism introduced by the Government; and

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

Industrial Infrastructure Upgradation Scheme

3559. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of Industrial Infrastructure Upgradation Scheme (IIUS);

(b) the number of proposals approved and amount sanctioned under the scheme in various States during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government of Karnataka has sought assistance under the scheme for development of three clusters in the spheres of garment, cashew processing and industrial valves in the State; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard and the Centre's reaction thereto?

SEZ at Navi Mumbai

3560. SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS BAL APTE:
SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

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

(a) whether a Special Economic Zone (SEZ) is proposed to be set up at Navi Mumbai in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the broad features of the projected SEZ;

(c) what steps have so far been taken in that direction; and;

(d) by when the SEZ is likely to come up?

Lottery trade on sound commercial lines

3561. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that China was organising International Lottery Technology Equipment Expo in Beijing on 2.4.2005;

(b) whether it is also a fact that China sold lottery tickets in 2004 for more than 38 billion Yuan (i.e. US\$ 4.6 billion); and

(c) if the above facts are correct, would he consider to organise lottery trade in India on sound commercial lines in tune with national interest?

Patents for 966 medicines by Kerala

3562. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Kerala has sought patents for 966 medicinal plants during the period 2004-2005;

(b) if so, status of the above;

(c) whether the farmers are able to lay claim to the seeds developed by them under the geographical indicator act; and

(d) if so, the details including the number of such claims approved by the competent authority for the last three years, year-wise, category-wise and State-wise?

Talk with Japan to avoid double taxation

3563. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Japan

had talks with India on avoiding double taxation to give new momentum to bilateral trade between India and Japan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, and the steps being taken to boost bilateral trade?

Improved regional trade relations

3564. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether diplomacy in oil and gas sector with Pakistan, Afghanistan, Myanmar and Bangladesh has developed better regional trade relations; and

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to strengthen the relationship as regional multilateral trade relation and affirmed as regional organization trade?

Bilateral trade between India and Iraq

3565. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that after the installation of a democratic Government in Iraq, the prospects of bilateral trade between India and Iraq have brightened;

(b) if so, whether India has sought MFN status from Iraq;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Target for exports

†3566. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR
PRASAD:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a target of export worth 92 billion dollars has been fixed for the year 2005-2006;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the agricultural products will play a major role in this export;

(c) if so, the Government's reaction in this regard;

(d) whether Government are aware of the fact that the rate of increase in agriculture production has reduced to 1.5 per cent from almost 4 per cent; and

(e) if so, the assessment of the likely effect on the domestic consumption on account of increasing the export in this sector?

Exports target

†3567. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of targets fixed for export of various items and services during last three years;

(b) whether Government have successfully achieved the prescribed targets of the said period;

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

(d) the targets fixed for exports during the year 2005-06?

Industrial Policy for NER

3568. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of any proposals under consideration of the Central Government

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to formulate a separate industrial policy for the North Eastern Region;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the salient features of the policy;

(c) the details of the benefits expected from this policy; and

(d) the steps taken by Government in this respect?

Anti-dumping cases registered

3569. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of anti-dumping cases registered during the last three years; year-wise and country-wise;

(b) whether it is true that majority of the anti-dumping cases registered are against China alone;;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) what action the Ministry has contemplated to reduce dumping of goods from China; and

(e) the countries which have imposed anti-dumping duties against the Indian goods?

Increase in imports

3570. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of items whose import has increased during the recent years;

(b) the reasons for increase in import; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to reduce imports to save foreign exchange?

Acquisition of Indian corporate sector by overseas entities

3571. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of overseas entities are evincing interest in acquiring stake in Indian corporate sector particularly those in the banking sector;

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

(c) whether RBI is conducting due diligence studies on such proposals, particularly, those pertaining to banking sector; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard, with the number of proposals cleared and those not recommended by RBI during the last three years?

FDI in Bihar

3572. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total foreign direct investment made in Bihar so far;

(b) whether it is a fact that compared to South and West India the FDI in Bihar is negligible;

(c) if so, what steps are being taken to attract more FDI to Bihar; and

(d) the fields in which FDI is coming in Bihar?

Investment made in industrial sector

3573. SHRI T.R. ZELIANG: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of investment

made by Government in the industrial sector in the country during the last three years;

(b) the extent to which the investment is proposed to be enhanced in industrial sector during the next three years; and

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

Steps to counter Non-Tariff barriers

3574. SHRI R. KAMARAJ:
SHRI S.M. LALJAN
BASHA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that developed countries were shutting their doors on India's exports in the name of Non-Tariff barriers;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government is aware of the ploy being used by developed countries in restricting our exports;

(c) if so, what retaliatory action is planned by Government against the so-called Non-Tariff barriers;

(d) the details of steps proposed by Government in ensuring that our exports are not restricted by false excuses, etc.; and

(e) the effectiveness of such steps taken by Government to counter the Non-Tariff barriers being used?

Inter State Council for promotion of exports

3575. SHRI C. RAMACHAND-
RAIAH: Will the Minister of
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be
pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

has decided to set up an Inter State Council for promotion of exports;

(b) if so, what is the mandate of this Council;

(c) when is the Council going to be set up and who is going to head the Council; and

(d) how many times in a year will the Council meet?

EPZs/SEZs/FTZs/AEZs in Bihar

3576. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Export Processing Zones/Special Economic Zones/Foreign Trade Zones/Agri Export Zones in Bihar;

(b) how do those activities compare with the activities of the above mentioned zones in other States; and

(c) the steps taken to ensure fair and equitable share of Bihar in those activities?

High retail price of imported tea

3577. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the retail price charged from users in India is very high while the actual rate of imported tea is only Rs. 45.68 per kg in the year 2004; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

Steps to protect oil seed industry

†3578. SHRI JANESHWAR
MISHRA: Will the Minister of
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be
pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that not only oil

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seed industry but also the farmers of the country have been affected as a result of importing oil from abroad and they have been selling their produces much less than the support prices thereof;

(b) if so, whether Government are contemplating ban to be imposed on the import of oil to protect the oil seed industry and the farmers of the country from the ill effects of import; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Omnibus Export Promotion Scheme

3579. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI
REDDY:

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

(a) whether the Ministry is launching an Omnibus Export Promotion Scheme for the forthcoming modifications to the new Foreign Trade Policy to be unveiled on April 7;

(b) if so, whether this scheme was designated to neutralize the incidence of duty on the inputs used in export product;

(c) whether Government has obtained requisite inputs from the National Council of Applied Economic Research and Rajiv Gandhi Foundation Economic Law Practice;

(d) if so, by what time this scheme is likely to be introduced; and

(e) to what extent it will be beneficial?

Separate Board for Chillies

3580. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA:
Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to create

a separate board like spices board for Chillies to enhance export opportunities;

(b) whether it is a fact that the present Spices Board is largely concentrating on Kerala-centric spices export and development;

(c) what steps will be taken to ensure that national interests are more widely served by creating a separate board for the export and nurturing of Chillies;

(d) the details of steps proposed to attend to the problem of finding adequate export markets for chillies grown in Andhra Pradesh; and

(e) the steps proposed in this regard?

Tenders for Computers by DGS&D

3581. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Directorate General of Supplies and Disposals is not inviting tenders in respect of all the specifications of computers etc. but are inviting tenders of one or two specifications;

(b) if so, the reasons for not inviting tenders in respect of all the specifications;

(c) the steps taken to invite tenders of all specifications in order to give wider choices to the purchasers; and

(d) whether Government are further aware that the prices of computers in the DGS&D are more than that in the open market?

Shrinking tobacco business

3582. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN:
Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that tobacco

business in the country is shrinking due to various factors;

(b) whether Government are aware of its adverse impact on the tobacco growing farmers; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to protect the tobacco farmers by helping them to shift to alternative vocation?

Reduction in Duty

3583. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reduced Duty Entitlement Pass Book rates for cotton textiles; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Automobile exports

3584. SHRI CHO. S. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total value of the automobile exports from the country for all type of vehicles individually during the last three financial years;

(b) what is the total number of each of the automobiles exported out of the country during the last three years;

(c) what is the percentage of growth in this sector during the last three years; and

(d) what measures are being taken to increase the exports of automobiles from the country?

Export oriented zones in backward districts

3585. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to set up more export oriented zones in different backward districts in various States and Union Territories;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and the steps taken and being taken in this regard; and

(c) on what lines such backward districts have been identified and selected and the names of districts so identified?

Problems of rubber growers of Assam

3586. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the rubber growers of Assam State are facing a lot of problems in the absence of potential users in the domestic market as well as in the country and they are not getting adequate profit to their product;

(b) whether Government have taken any measures to mitigate the problems of rubber growers and to boost production and profit of this region;

(c) whether Government propose to export Indian Rubber to other neighbouring countries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Setting up of rubber industry in Tripura

3587. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Rubber Board are taking up a major plan of setting up a rubber industry in the State of Tripura;

(b) whether the project has been approved by the competent authority;

(c) the amount to be involved; and

(d) by when the work will be started?

Trade with China

3588. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRIMATI PREMA
CARIAPPA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to increase trade with China;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount of bilateral trade carried out between the two countries so far during the current year?

Steps to reduce helicopter crashes

3589. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the armed forces have lost over 35 helicopters in crashes in the last five years;

(b) whether it is a fact that helicopter accidents the world over have been reduced by 75 per cent in the last two decades but crashes of both civilian and military choppers in India seem to be increasing;

(c) if yes, whether Government has made any investigation in this matter; and

(d) the steps Government proposes to take to reduce the number of helicopter crashes?

Procurement of T-90 tanks

3590. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any agreement has been signed for procurement of fully formed T-90 Tanks and Transfer of Technology for indigenous licensed production of T-90s;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any time-frame has been fixed within which T-90s are going to be inducted into the Indian Army;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether any action plan has been prepared for indigenously manufacturing T-90s in the country?

**States without cantonment/
Headquarter of Battalion
of Indian Army**

3591. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States in the country where there is no Cantonment or Headquarter of Battalion of Indian Army;

(b) the reasons therefor;

(c) the names of the States in respect of which a proposal for setting up of the same is under consideration; and

(d) the details of the action being taken for setting up of the same in Chhattisgarh?

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Facilities to ex-servicemen

3592. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ex-servicemen living in the country both in urban and rural areas separately;

(b) the facilities/concessions provided to them in addition to terminal benefits; and

(c) whether Government propose to launch health scheme and educational loan schemes specially for those ex-servicemen and their wards living in rural areas?

Hiring/dehiring private properties by Defence Ministry

3593. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any policy of hiring/dehiring private properties by Defence Ministry taken on rent for residential use of officers of Indian Navy in Mumbai;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether dehiring process is slow and after owners have to go to court to get their properties released;

(d) the number of properties hired by the Defence Ministry since 1990 for the naval officers use and the number dehired till date; and

(e) by when remaining properties are likely to be released?

Criteria for paying compensation for damage to land

3594. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to replies to Unstarred

Questions 1591, 2352 given in the Rajya Sabha on 16th March, 2005 and 23rd March, 2005 respectively and state:

(a) the criteria adopted for paying compensation for their damaged lands; and

(b) since when the compensation is being paid and up to what period it has been paid?

Phasing out of Mirage-2000 and MIG-29

3595. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) when Mirage-2000 and Mig-29 are likely to be phased out by IAF; and

(b) what are alternative arrangements planned?

Nag anti-tank missile

3596. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA:
SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is developing aerial version of Nag anti-tank missile; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Complaints against quality of road constructed by BRO

3597. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the ministry has received many public complaints against the Border Road Organisation for failing to maintain prescribed standard of quality while constructing the roads in Assam;

(b) whether it is also true that the monitoring system of the Government is not effective; and

(c) if so, what will be the Government's actions in this regard?

Impact of VAT on Army canteens

3598. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

SHRI C. PERUMAL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the impact of VAT on the Army canteens throughout the country; and

(b) what steps Government of India are taking on the problems faced by these canteens, if any?

Short Service Commission to Naval Sailors

†3599. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are contemplating to grant Short Service Commission to the sailors in Navy who are professional license holders;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of officers likely to be granted this Commission?

Expansion of Nathula Pass roads

†3600. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the proposed Indo-Chinese trade *via* Nathula Pass any scheme for the expansion of roads at the Nathula Pass and its adjoining areas, is under consideration;

(b) whether any action plan has been sent to the Government by the Sikkim Government in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action being taken by the Central Government thereon?

Ex-servicemen in India

†3601. SHRI ISAM SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ex-servicemen in India; and

(b) the details of the income earned by the ex-servicemen through the canteen facility provided to them in India?

Purchase of Mirage 2000 B Aircrafts

3602. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Air Force is planning to purchase Mirage 2000 B Aircrafts when compared to its original proposal to purchase F-16 for India; and

(b) if so, what are the main reasons for Indian Air Force to go in for purchase of Mirage Aircrafts?

Damage to fence in J& K by snowfall

3603. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: SHRI DATTA MEGHE:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is feared that the newly erected fence in Jammu and Kashmir to prevent infiltration from across the border may have been damaged due to unprecedented snowfall in the region;

(b) if so, whether the Army has inspected the fencing to assess the damage

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during the recent spell of heavy snow in the State; and

(c) the outcome of the inspection of the fencing along the LoC in Jammu and Kashmir and measures taken to repair the damage?

Indo-Pakistan joint survey of boundary pillars of Sir Creek

3604. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that India and Pakistan have agreed for setting up of a joint survey team to survey the boundary pillars of Sir Creek;

(b) if yes, the details thereof;

(c) whether the team which was supposed to submit its report in January, 05, has submitted its report;

(d) if so, what are the recommendations made by the survey team?

Disappearance of DRDO architect with maps

3605. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently an architect working in the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) in Dehradun, Uttaranchal disappeared suddenly and it is apprehended that he has escaped with maps; and

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

Supply of US arms to Pakistan

3606. DR. AKHILESH DAS:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI
REDDY:
DR. KARAN SINGH:
SHRI R.K. ANAND:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to US Government's recent decision to provide a new package of supplies of US arms to Pakistan including P-3C Orion Surveillance aircraft TOW-2 missiles and Phalnex gun system;

(b) if so, the details of the arms and aircraft to be supplied by US to Pakistan; and

(c) the steps taken and being taken by Government to augment Indian defence to counter such arsenal and aircraft being supplied to Pakistan?

Reforms in Criminal Justice system

3607. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to carry out an extensive reforms in the system of Criminal Justice in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) by when the reforms process is likely to be initiated; and

(d) whether Government have carried out any consultation/dialogue with the Supreme Court of India, High Court, State Governments, Law Commission etc. all for effecting any meaningful reforms in this regard and if so the details thereof?

Separate Ministry for handling disaster-management

3608. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recent Tsunami disaster has exposed the nation's total unpreparedness and inability on disaster management;

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(b) whether India with a long coastline and vast area with pockets prone to earthquake needs to have a separate ministry to look after disaster management functions replacing the present un-coordinated efforts of many ministries (Defence, Home, Health and Family Welfare; and

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

National Emergency management Authority (NEMA)

3609. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for not setting up a National Emergency Management Authority (NEMA) and building up specialized capabilities for rapid intervention in cases of disasters;

(b) the measures taken/proposed to be taken to combat disasters in the absence of NEMA; and

(c) the details of the disasters faced by the country during the last three years together with details of loss of lives and property?

FIRs against Political Leaders during Assembly Elections

3610. SHRI SURESH BHARDWAJ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the FIRs registered against Political Leaders and others for violating various election related laws during recent elections held for Legislative Assemblies of Bihar, Haryana and

Jharkhand alongwith identity of persons named as accused in these cases;

(b) the action taken and progress made in the cases; and

(c) the names and designations of officers who were ordered to be transferred by Election Commission of India?

Awarding Chandigarh to Punjab

3611. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government propose to convene a meeting with Chief Ministers of Punjab and Haryana in near future with the sole purpose of awarding Chandigarh to Punjab;

(b) if so, by when;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) what other measures Government propose to adopt to solve the Chandigarh issue permanently?

Accommodation for Delhi Police Personnel

†3612. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any plan to provide accommodation to all Delhi Police Personnel;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when all personnel would be provided with accommodation;

(c) the effective steps taken by Government for modernisation of Delhi

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Police, improvement of pay scales and their promotional avenues so far?

S.A.R. Geelani shoot-out case

3613. DR. NARAYAN SINGH MANAKLAO.: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that claims/counter claims made in the media in S.A.R. Geelani shoot-out case have created confusion;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any responsibility has been fixed; if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of the steps taken by Government in this case so far; and

(e) to what extent the controversy will encourage the terrorist activities, lower the morale of our security forces fighting terrorists and impact the outcome of the case regarding Parliament Attack by terrorist?

Categorisation of States and Cities

3614. SHRI C. RAMACHAND-RAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what criteria are used for categorizing States and Cities as B1, B2, A1 and other classes;

(b) whether the gradation of State determines the amount of Central assistance that it gets;

(c) whether the amount of Central assistance to some incentives based on the place and progress of economic reform; and

(d) if so, whether this gives rise to subjective evaluation?

Threats to lives of corporate bigwigs

3615. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are seized of the reported threats to lives of corporate bigwigs;

(b) whether Government have already provided Y Category security to some top industrialists; and

(c) whether due to constraints on funds for deployment of security personnel the Government would ask the industry to take care of its CEOs on its own?

CISF Security of NE airports

3616. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Industrial Security Force has been asked to take over the security of some airports in the North Eastern region in view of their vulnerability to terrorist threats;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) by when these airports would be manned by C.I.S.F.?

Corruption in Delhi Government departments

†3617. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report published by

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Anti-Corruption Department of Government of Delhi in which Municipal Corporation of Delhi, Delhi Police, Revenue Department etc., have been placed in the list of most corrupt departments;

(b) if so, the Government's reaction thereto and the facts in this regard; and

(c) whether Government have taken any action for improving administrative and procedural system in the said departments, if so, the details thereof?

Non-registration of complaints by Police Station in Delhi

3618. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that non-registration of complaints by Police Stations in the capital in cases of theft of vehicles and that of crime etc., has become a rule rather than an exception with increased number of cases being reported in the media of late;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the instructions issued by his Ministry long back for registration of cases/complaints irrespective of the jurisdiction are being flouted; and steps Government have taken in this regard?

Kidnappings in Bihar

3619. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that kidnapping for ransom has been a flourishing industry in the State of Bihar where 289 incidents of kidnapping took place from January to September, 2004;

(b) whether it is a fact that Intelligence Bureau had reported the names of certain kidnap specialists to his office and if so, what are the names of such specialists; and

(c) whether the matter was taken up with the Government of Bihar and if so, outcome thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Strength of Delhi Police

3620. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the strength of the Delhi Police with break up of officers and various ranks;

(b) the increase sanctioned each year in the last three year with reasons therefor;

(c) the police officers detailed for traffic, VIP security and for keeping law and order duties separately each year in the last three years; and

(d) the police personnel deputed in Rashtrapati Bhawan, VP Secretariat, PMO and different Minister as also former Presidents, PM, VP and others?

Adverstisements by Delhi Police

3621. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Police is in the habit of issuing big advertisements in Delhi on regular basis;

(b) if so, the number of such advertisements issued month-wise during the last three years with names of the newspapers, subject and the amount payable for each campaign; and

(c) how selection of newspapers is made and whether the help and concessional rates

applicable to DAVP is ignored resulting in huge losses?

Misbehaviour with foreign tourists

†3622. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether several cases of misbehaviour, cheating and rape of foreign tourists visiting various tourist spots across the country including Khajuraho in Madhya Pradesh have come to notice;

(b) if so, the number of such cases registered during the last three years;

(c) any special action plan checked out by the Government to stop tarnishing image of the country at the international level due to such incidents; and

(d) the comprehensive details thereof?

Handling of Bio and Narco terrorism

3623. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of India have any plan of action to handle Bio terrorism and Narco-terrorism in this country; and

(b) what plan does Government have in mind to handle this problem with the International Community?

Untraced persons

3624. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of untraced persons in different states as on 31st March, 2005;

(b) how many of them come under

reasons other than Tsunami and other natural calamity categories State-wise;

(c) how many of these untraced persons are children and women, State-wise;

(d) the number of persons kidnapped by extremists and by professional kidnappers in the year 2002-2003, 2003-04 and 2004-05 State-wise; and

(e) the steps to be taken by Government to curb the menace of kidnaps?

Modernization of security forces

†3625. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are going to modernize security forces;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount likely to be spent by Government on the modernization of security forces during 2005-06?

High crime rate in Delhi

3626. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Capital Territory of Delhi has the highest Crime rate among all the States in the Country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to this shocking menace in the Capital City of the Country?

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Construction of houses for Tsunami affected people

3627. SHRI N.R.
GOVINDRAJAR:
PROF. R.B.S. VARMA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to construct housing units for Tsunami affected people in the country for their rehabilitation;

(b) if so, the details of low cost and calamity proof houses designed and proposed for construction in the affected areas and the amount likely to be spent on the said scheme; and

(c) the steps taken by Government for easy and early housing loan to affected people of the areas?

Dacoit gangs in States

3628. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether even after liquidation of the inter-State forest Brigand Virappan, Government have been receiving reports about operations of dacoit gangs in Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and UP etc., including tribal rural and remote areas and towns;

(b) if so, the number and details of innocent villagers and others, including children killed and other incidents of dacoities, lootings and kidnappings reported during 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 so far; and

(c) what steps have been taken and what Central aid given to the State Governments concerned to deal with the inter-State and national menace?

US threat to impose economic sanctions on India

3629. SHRI EKANATH K.
THAKUR:
SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS
KAUR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the United States has warned India that it would impose economic sanctions on India from June this year if India fails to check trafficking of women and children;

(b) if so, whether Government are aware of the fact that if this happens, the Act mandates the US Government to vote against loans to India from International financial institutions like World Bank, Asian Development Bank and IMF;

(c) if so, the details of the economic sanctions threatened to be imposed and the precise trafficking scenario that forms the basis of such a threat; and

(d) the steps taken and being taken by Government to curb, control and prevent trafficking in women and children?

Constitution of National Disaster Management Authority

3630. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have constituted a National Disaster Management Authority;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the action plan of Government to control mushrooming illegal construction in the capital city Delhi, which is a potential danger to the lives of people?

Custodial deaths in Delhi

3631. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of custodial deaths registered in Delhi during 2003 and 2004;

(b) the number of officers and other ranks of Delhi Police accused in these cases, the number out of them who are absconding and the number against whom criminal proceedings have been initiated;

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken against those absconding; and

(d) what tangible steps are proposed to be taken so that such cases don't recur?

Agreement with U.K. on transfer of prisoners/convicts

3632. SHRI T.S. BAJWA:
SHRIMATI SAVITA
SHARDA:
SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS
KAUR:
SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA
SEKAR REDDY:
SHRIMATI VANGA
GEETHA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India and UK have signed on agreement on the transfer of prisoners/convicts;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of prisoners/convicts likely to be repatriated from both sides; and

(d) what precautions have been taken to ensure that prisoners/convicts do not take undue advantage to escape punishment for the crime committed by them?

Special home for delinquent children in Delhi

3633. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no special home meant for delinquent children exist in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Citizenship to migrants from Pakistan

3634. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether powers delegated to District Magistrates in Rajasthan and Gujarat to grant citizenship to migrants from Pakistan, have been extended by an year;

(b) if so, the number of citizenships granted during the last one year to migrants from Pakistan, State-wise, category-wise;

(c) whether the steps will be taken to grant citizenship to migrants from Pakistan who are residing in various districts of Kerala;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) whether a permanent cell will be constituted for migrants and displaced people/oustees from Pakistan?

Militant's threat to passengers of Srinagar-Muzaffarabad bus

3635. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY:
SHRI LALIT SURI:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the militant groups of Jammu and Kashmir have issued death threat to all those passengers who travel by the Srinagar-Muzaffarabad bus;

(b) if so, whether the Central Government have provided foolproof security to the bus passengers;

(c) the total number of passengers who travelled by this bus; and

(d) the travellers who took back their names due to threat from the militants?

Promotion of teachers in NDMC

3636. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Assistant Teachers without B.Ed. degree in N.D.M.C. have been promoted as T.G.T. and if so, what is the number of promotions during the last 3 years;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Nursery teachers even with B.Ed. degree are not being promoted as Trained Graduate Teachers and if so, what are the reasons for discrimination against them; and

(c) by when these teachers are likely to be promoted?

Custodial deaths

3637. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI:
SMT. SAVITA SHARDA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of increasing deaths in police custody, if so, how many cases were reported during the last 3 years; the State-wise detail thereof;

(b) what action has been taken against the guilty police officers and what steps have taken to discourage such incidents in future;

(c) whether Government have any plan to change the image of police and make them more responsible to society; if so the details thereof; if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether there is a plan to amend the police code of conduct, if so, the details thereof?

Report on child trafficking

3638. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NHRC has sought a report from Delhi Police Chief on trafficking of girls and torturing of minor girls, in the capital city Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Delhi Police have submitted this report; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Attack on Indians in Nepal

†3639. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the Maoists in Nepal are

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attacking the Indians there and have threatened to leave the country;

(b) the number of the Indians who have lost their lives in these attacks; and

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

Infiltration by Nepali citizens

†3640. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the incidents of infiltration by Nepali citizens in the States bordering Nepal including Uttaranchal have increased due to the disturbance in Nepal;

(b) whether he is aware of the efforts being made by the Maoists for setting up bases at some places of these States; and

(c) if so, the details of the steps being taken for strengthening of posts, expansion of intelligence network and making the police force more capable in these States?

Handling of passengers by CISF personnel

3641. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that frequently violence breaks out at airports between passengers and CISF over petty issues;

(b) what are the details of the recent incident at Indira Gandhi International Airport between an NRI and CISF personnel which was widely reported in the media;

(c) to what extent are CISF personnel unable to handle passengers with sensitivity and respect;

(d) whether it is a fact that CISF personnel are not given training for treating passengers and the general public; and

(e) the steps proposed to extend compulsory sensitivity training to all CISF personnel posted at airports for dealing with the public?

Fencing at Indo-Bangladesh Border

†3642. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to set up fencing along Indo-Bangladesh Border;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that Bangladesh is opposing the proposal of fencing along the border;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the details of efforts made to bring around Bangladesh in this regard?

Duping of persons by luring them to send abroad

†3643. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the incidents relating to duping of persons by luring to send them abroad have increased on a large scale in the past few years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have formulated any plan to take action against the persons duping the people in such a manner; and

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(d) if so, the details thereof?

Boycott of peace talks by naxal groups

†3644. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER
SINGH MAJITHA:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR
JOSHI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to the boycott of the peace talks by the naxalites, several other terrorists also declared to intensify the terrorist activities in the countries;

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

(c) whether it is also a fact that there have been continuous expansion in the terrorist organizations; and

(d) if so, the facts in this regard and the number of States in the country which are victims of the terrorism?

Non-registration of cases by Delhi-Police

3645. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi Police is not registering all the cases to show decline in the crime rate against women:

(b) if so, the reasons for not registering the cases; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to register the cases without any excuse?

Corruption in Delhi Police

3646. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
SHRI SANTOSH
BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether committing of suicide by a Sub Inspector of Delhi Police on 18th February, 2005 has exposed prevalence of rampant corruption in Delhi Police;

(b) what action Government propose to take to root out the corruption from the ranks and file of Delhi Police; and

(c) the number of corruption cases that have been registered against the officials of Delhi Police during the last three years, rank-wise?

Violence in J & K during local body elections

3647. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a spurt of violence in the Kashmir Valley during local body elections held recently;

(b) if so, the number of candidates, elected representatives and others killed during the period; and

(c) the names of the terrorist outfits which have been responsible for the violence?

Solar power in Jharkhand

3648. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages without electricity in Jharkhand year-wise since its inception;

(b) the number of villages in the State proposed to be electrified during the current year till 2004-05 and in the next year;

(c) whether any proposal has been received for funding of Solar Power projects in the non-electrified villages;

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(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the details of Solar Power projects under implementation, if any, in Jharkhand specially for facilitating enterprises under the Pradhan Mantri Gramin Rojgar Yojana (PMGRY) in non-electrified villages; and

(f) the amount of subsidy granted/ disbursed year-wise for Solar Power projects in Jharkhand?

Sources of non-conventional energy

3649. SHRI LEKHRAJ BACHANI: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the non-conventional Energy sources in regular use in India and what is the total generation from those sources;

(b) what are other alternate sources of Non-Conventional Energy under research basis; and

(c) whether urban wastages of various kinds are being utilised for non-conventional energy, if not, whether Government will consider this source as one more alternate as it is in use in many countries?

Solar and wind energy schemes in A.P.

3650. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any schemes have been implemented in Andhra Pradesh conserving solar and wind energies for the last two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

No subsidy on installation of solar connection

3651. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have not provided any subsidy on installation of solar connections for energy etc., if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether it is a fact that this is coming in the way of promotion of non-conventional energy because of the high cost of installation and that of equipment by companies such as Tata-BP solar; and

(c) whether Government propose to reconsider the matter?

Proposal for allocation of amount under PMGSY to Tamil Nadu

3652. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated and the number of proposals sanctioned to the State of Tamil Nadu under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana during each of the last 3 years and for 2005-06;

(b) whether the union Government has chalked out any time frame for laying all weather road to all the unconnected villages of Tamil Nadu under PMGSY;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Pending proposal for NCES of Chhattisgarh

†3653. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the latest status of the approval of

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the pending proposals regarding non-conventional energy sources during 2004-05 in the State of Chhattisgarh;

(b) the reasons for delay in granting approval;

(c) whether any incentive is being given by his Ministry to the states in the field of bio-diesel; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Deregulation for the growth of wind energy

*3654. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that deregulation of the energy industry will provide a huge impetus for the growth of wind energy;

(b) whether it is a fact that India has increased its total wind energy capacity by 42 per cent;

(c) whether it is a fact that the wind power industry had demanded more concessions regarding equipments used for generation of wind power; and

(d) if so, the decisions taken in this regard?

Setting up hydrogen energy projects by foreign companies

3655. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have allowed foreign companies to set up hydrogen energy projects in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of the hydrogen energy projects currently functioning in the country and projects proposed to be set up in future; and

(d) the role of hydrogen energy in the overall national energy security?

Assessment of wind energy in Tamil Nadu

3656. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government made any assessment of the potentiality of producing electricity by using wind energy in the State of Tamil Nadu; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the follow up steps taken thereon including the areas of potentiality?

Popularisation of solar energy

3657. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are being taken to popularize solar energy in homes and other establishments;

(b) whether there is any plan to use solar energy in all Government buildings and establishments; if so, the details thereof; if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the States where solar energy projects have been successful and which are the States where it had not taken off?

Providing free power connection to BPL

†3658. DR. VIJAY MALLYA:
SHRIMATI SAVITA
SHARDA:
SHRI R.S. GAVAI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

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had announced a new scheme to provide 100% power subsidy for single point power connection to households falling under Below Poverty Line;

(b) whether the Minimum Needs Programme for rural electrification would be merged in the new scheme;

(c) whether there is any proposal to extend the same benefits to farmers; and

(d) if so, from which date the scheme will come into effect?

Setting up new Power Plants in Andhra Pradesh

3659. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the energy produced from the power plants situated in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether there is any plan to set up new plants in Andhra Pradesh to produce energy; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Shortage of coal and gas to NTPC

3660. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) is facing serious shortages of Coal and Gas supply;

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to ensure unhindered supply of coal and gas to NTPC plants;

(c) whether any alternative factors are also being considered; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

G-8 Round Table Meeting in London

3661. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY
SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India was invited to G-8 Round Table Meeting in London to consider the challenge of achieving a sustainable and secure energy future; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Financial investment in power sector in Maharashtra

†3662. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have sanctioned Rs. 285 crore for setting up south region power transmission system;

(b) if so, whether Government of Maharashtra has asked for more financial investment from Government in power sector in order to increase supply in its region like south region; and

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

Need for improvement in power sector

†3663. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR
JOSHI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an urgent need of improvement in power sector;

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

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government are laying emphasis upon the proper distribution and the proper sale-price of power for this purpose;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the country is suffering losses due to the prevalent inefficiency and corruption in the State Electricity Boards; and

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

Allocation of power to Karnataka from Eastern Region

3664. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:
DR. AKHILESH DAS:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from the Government of Karnataka for allotment of 337 mw of power from the Eastern Region to offset the effect of the high cost of power generated by liquid fuel based power projects;

(b) if so, the response of Government thereto; and

(c) the time likely to be taken in allotment of 337 mw of power to Karnataka from NTPC plants in Eastern Region?

Shortfall of power during ensuing summer

3665. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the extent of

power shortfall in the country is expected to grow hugely in the coming summer months when demand peaks;

(b) if so, whether Government is planning any steps to manage this shortfall and ensure uninterrupted supplies; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Pending power projects

3666. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some power projects are lying pending for the last over 20 years and have caused an additional burden of Rs. 12,000 crore on Government;

(b) if so, the details of all such power projects and the factors responsible for causing delay in their completion; and

(c) how much more time is required to complete these projects?

Financial crisis of SEBs

3667. SHRI N.R. GOVINDRAJAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of State Electricity Boards in the country are facing acute financial crisis;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government proposes to set up a separate fund to improve the financial problems of State Electricity Boards; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Setting up of thermal power projects in Nagaland

3668. SHRI T.R. ZELIANG: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are being taken by Government to set up of thermal power projects in the State of Nagaland;

(b) the present status of the power project and the details of amount sanctioned for the said project; and

(c) by when the above project will be started?

Mega Power Project Policy

3669. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to the Mega Power Project Policy of Government, Thermal Power Projects having a capacity of 1000 MW or more and selling power to more than one State are exempted from all customs and other duties levied by Government;

(b) if so, the details of units which have come up under this policy and the exemption that Government has given to such units since the implementation of the Mega Power Project Policy; year-wise; and

(c) the details of Power Projects notified by Government under the Mega Power Project Policy?

Review of the Electricity Act, 2003

3670. SHRI SUDARSHAN AKARAPU: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to review the Electricity Act, 2003;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of proposed amendments to the Act; and

(d) the time-frame by when the Bill amending the Act would be brought before Parliament?

Harnessing the waste flowing river waters to generate power

3671. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of potential/untapped sources of hydel power in the country;

(b) whether Government are aware that hydel power could be generated by harnessing the waste flowing river waters in some regions of the country;

(c) if so, the rivers/falls where hydel power generation is possible after harnessing water; and

(d) whether Government propose to take steps to harness these river waters to generate energy at affordable cost?

Financial assistance for power sub-station in Kerala

3672. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal received from Government of Kerala to extent financial assistance for the construction of power sub-station and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government initiated any steps to accord sanction for the implementation of the above project so far and if not, whether Government consider to accord sanction sought for?

**Power consumption and generation in
Andhra Pradesh**

3673. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the per capita gap between consumption and generation of power in Andhra Pradesh during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the total quantum of power supplied through the central pool to Andhra Pradesh during the last three years;

(c) the measures taken to bridge the gap between consumption and power generation in Andhra Pradesh during the current year and during the ensuing five years; and

(d) the funds allocated to Andhra Pradesh for power generation?

Draft Power tariff policy

†3674. DR. MURLI MANOHAR
JOSHI:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR
PRASAD:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have sent a draft power tariff policy to the State Governments;

(b) if so, when this draft was sent;

(c) the subjects mentioned therein and whether the draft would be helpful in fixing the uniform power tariff throughout the country; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that setting rates of power are likely to go up on the basis of this draft?

**Package for rural electrification to
Uttar Pradesh**

†3675. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Uttar Pradesh have sought special financial package from Government for providing electricity in the rural areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are contemplating to provide special financial package to the Government of Uttar Pradesh; and

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

**Forming a Rural Electricity
Distribution Backbone**

3676. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formed a Rural Electricity Distribution Backbone to create infrastructure in rural areas for power distribution;

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

(c) whether the REC will fund this new entity;

(d) what are the specific technical objectives of the REDB; and

(e) the details of States where REDB be implemented first?

**Gap between demand and supply of
electricity**

3677. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry

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is aiming at generating 1,70,000 MW in the next ten years to bridge the gap between demand and supply and also to realise the dream of achieving power for all by 2010;

(b) what are the short-term and long-term programmes and policies that the Government have to achieve the above target;

(c) what is the total capacity addition that the Ministry has targeted in the Tenth Five Year Plan;

(d) whether the Ministry have received any representations from people or units concerned for revising the definition of 'Mega Power Project' by lowering the capacity limit to 250 MW from the present 100 MW; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Whole Village Cleaning Programme

†3678. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the whole Village Cleaning Programme is being implemented in about 398 districts of the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that the criteria of this scheme is the Demand-based contrary to the principle of the State-wise allocation; and

(c) if so, the State-wise achievements of this scheme alongwith details of the State-wise amount released in the light of the demand based policy of the States?

Providing shelter to shelterless rural poor

3679. DR. RADHAKANT NAYAK : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the number of shelterless rural poor of the country; and

(b) if so, what steps Government is taking to provide shelter to these poor people within a stipulated time; and to build Indira Awas Yojana for the SCs/STs, who happen to be the poorest of the poor and are almost entirely shelterless in the country?

Setting up of knowledge centres in every village

†3680. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH:
SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to set up a knowledge centre in every village of the country before the 60th Anniversary of Independence Day, if so, the details thereof and the facilities to be offered by the knowledge centres;

(b) the number of villages covered under the scheme so far, State-wise;

(c) whether it is feasible to set up knowledge centres in such a short time; and

(d) if so, the number of villages to be covered by the scheme before target date, State-wise?

Rural Development Project

3681. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware about the Rural Development Project launched

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to provide basic access to people of rural areas as part of the poverty-reduction strategy, through construction of good quality long-standing roads with high engineering standards;

(b) if so, by when this project would be completed;

(c) whether the State Governments, through which this project is being executed, are utilising the funds released and laying the roads of the requisite standard; and

(d) whether the monitoring agencies satisfied with the progress towards completion of the project on time?

Speedy rural development programme

3682. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE. Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite the provisions for speedy rural development, there has been slow implementation of the rural development programme, particularly rural electrification scheme and rural drinking water supply;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to speed up the implementation of these schemes particularly in Assam?

Lack of awareness of rural development programme among the rural population

*3683 SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government spends Rs. 30,000 crores on rural

development every year under various heads, but unfortunately not much change is reflected;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there are many programmes for rural development but due to lack of awareness among the rural population about the programmes, most of the programmes are not being implemented effectively; and

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

Allocation of rural water supply programme

†3684. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government are considering to abolish target/allotment based rural water supply programme from 2005-06; and

(b) if so, the arrangement being made in the villages where drinking water system is inadequate?

Satat Swarojgar Yojana in MP

†3685. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount sought in the proposal sent by the Madhya Pradesh Government under the 'Satat Swarojgar Yojana' for improvement of bamboo forests;

(b) the action being taken by Government of India on this proposal; and

(c) by when it will be accorded approval?

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Total Sanitation Programme in Punjab

†3686. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of districts of Punjab regarding which proposals under total sanitation programmes forwarded by Punjab Government are pending for clearance and by when such clearance would be given; and

(b) the number of districts of Punjab for which schemes under Total Sanitation Programmes have been sanctioned and the share of the Central allocation to the State under this scheme and by when the amount of second instalment would be released?

National Rehabilitation Policy

3687. SHRI SUDARSHAN AKARAPU: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministry of Rural Development have formulated a "National Rehabilitation Policy";

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, time-frame by which policy would be finalised?

Sampurna Gram Samridhi Yojana in MP

†3688. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Madhya Pradesh had sent a proposal on 11th September, 2002 for Rs. 1487.00 crores under the Sampurna Gram Samridhi

Yojana but the said scheme is still pending for approval;

(b) the reasons for keeping it pending and whether Government are considering the same; and

(c) if so, by when the same will be cleared?

Unavailability of potable water in Uttaranchal

†3689. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether he has sought a list of such villages, Tokon and towns in Uttaranchal where potable water is either not available at all or only a little water is available;

(b) whether he has asked the State Government to conduct a survey of such villages where schemes for potable water were formulated but these are not functioning at present; and

(c) if so, the district-wise details of the information furnished by the State Government in this regard?

Villages benefited by PMGSY in Uttaranchal

3690. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages in Uttaranchal which have benefited from the PMGSY till date alongwith the total financial allocation made;

(b) the villages which have been identified for providing road links;

(c) whether Government are aware that village Bedgaoun, Patti-Maniarsuen,

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District Pauri Garhwal remains disconnected even after 58 years of independence resulting in abject poverty conditions of this village;

(d) the steps being taken to link this village by a proper road link where villagers have to trek for several kilometres even in medical emergencies;

(e) if so, by when; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Rural infrastructure development to Tamil Nadu

3691. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is not giving significant importance for the development of rural infrastructure as compared to Urban Development;

(b) the projects currently implemented by the Government for rural infrastructure development; and

(c) the amount released to Tamil Nadu for rural infrastructure development during the last three years?

Special projects under SGSY

3692. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government sanctioned three special projects under SGSY; if so, the salient features of the projects and the districts in which they are being implemented;

(b) when the projects were sanctioned, and the time by when the projects are likely to be implemented fully;

(c) the amount earmarked for the project; and

(d) whether any assessment is made on the results achieved by these projects if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Programmes to train NIRD Trainers in skills in rural areas

3693. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Institute of Rural Development is involved in programme to train Trainers who will train one crore people and impart them skills in rural areas;

(b) if so, how many such trainers the NIRD giving training to;

(c) what are the skills which will finally be given to the targeted one crore people in rural areas;

(d) what will be the cost of this project of NIRD;

(e) what happened to the earlier trainers who received such training at NIRD; and

(f) the details of the results of any training imparted earlier by NIRD?

Proposal for electrification of villages

3694. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab and Maharashtra have submitted village electrification project proposals for 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07;

(b) if so, the number of villages and habitations covered thereby, the population covered thereby, the total power load required therefor, the estimated cost thereof

and the central aid required to finance the same; and

(c) the Central Government's response thereto?

Merger of rural housing schemes with IAY

†3695. SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have merged the rural housing schemes with the Indira Awas Yojana;

(b) if so, the norms set for the selection of beneficiaries under the scheme in Chhattisgarh State; and

(c) the district-wise details thereof?

Complaints of corruption in food for work scheme

†3696. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received complaints of corruption in respect of food for work scheme; and

(b) the quantity of foodgrains and funds allotted to Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan under the said scheme in the year 2004-05?

Achievements of Drought Prone Areas Programme

3697. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of Drought Prone Areas in each of the State;

(b) the total achievements of the

Drought Prone Areas Programme in terms of overall productivity of land, vegetative cover and water table in these areas;

(c) whether it is a fact that out of a total of 21353 projects sanctioned, only 4960 projects have claimed the entire central funds;

(d) if so, the reasons for this status of DPAP projects; and

(e) the reasons for foreclosure of some projects?

Construction of roads under PMGSY

3698. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of roads constructed under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana as on date in the country;

(b) the allocation/utilization of funds as on date, State-wise particularly in Tamil Nadu State; and

(c) the agencies involved in construction of roads?

Availability of drinking water in rural areas of U.P.

†3699. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether drinking water is not available in most of the rural areas of districts in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) the details of reformative measures taken so far and by when drinking water would be made available to these villages of Uttar Pradesh;

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(d) the details of Central assistance provided to Uttar Pradesh during the last three years; and

(e) the details of achievements made in this regard?

Providing safe drinking water to the people

†3700. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages in the country where Government are going to provide safe drinking water during the year 2005;

(b) the steps taken by Government to provide safe drinking water to the people in these villages; and

(c) the extent of money allocated to each State Government for this purpose?

Road connectivity to villages

†3701. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages targeted to be connected with the roads upto the Tenth Five Year Plan together with the rule followed relating to the population;

(b) whether this target has been achieved; the State-wise targets fixed alongwith the State-wise details of targets achieved; and

(c) the reasons for not-achieving the target in some States?

Rural employment scheme

†3702. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:
SHRI SURENDRA LATH:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of employment opportunities created in various States under the Prime Minister Rural Employment Scheme during the last three years;

(b) the amount allocated and released under this scheme to Orissa and Himachal Pradesh, separately during the last three years; and

(c) the progress and the latest position of this scheme in both of these States?

Construction of roads in H.P.

3703. SHRI SURESH BHARDWAJ: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent for construction of village roads under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana upto 28th February, 2005 in each State;

(b) the district-wise details of roads under the PMGSY particularly the amount spent and length of roads constructed in Himachal Pradesh; and

(c) the details of roads sanctioned during 2004-05 and 2005-06 in Himachal Pradesh and the amount released?

Implementation of TUFs in Karnataka

3704. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Textile Upgradation Fund Scheme is being implemented in Karnataka; and

(b) if so, the details of the loan facilities being provided during 2003-04 and 2004-05 in Karnataka for modernization/rehabilitation of weavers and textile mills?

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**Handicrafts special economic zone in
TN**

3705. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a handicrafts special economic zone is being set up;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether a special zone will be set up in Tamil Nadu considering ample scope for handicrafts;
- (d) if yes, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Utilisation of funds by NER for
development of handicrafts**

3706. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the total amount of financial assistance granted to NER for development and promotion of handicrafts during the last three years; and
- (b) the details of funds utilised so far?

**Export from Hosiery units of
Thiruyppur**

3707. SHRI R. SHUNMUGA-SUNDARAM: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) what was the total quantity or volume of exports from Hosiery units from Thiruyppur in Tamil Nadu in 2004-2005;
- (b) how much increase in exports is expected this year; and
- (c) whether the Ministry has any plans to organize an exhibition for the foreign buyers to see the goods and meet the exporters at one point?

**Effect of decrease in cotton production
on Textile industry**

†3708. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the effect of the shortfall in the production of cotton on textile industry in the country;
- (b) the quantity of cotton imported this year;
- (c) the names of the countries from where the cotton was imported during the last three years along with the quantity imported from each of the country; and
- (d) what arrangements are being made to meet the likely increase in exports in the textile industry in the coming years?

**Efforts of Indian textile exporters to
move up the value chain**

3709. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Indian Textile exporters are planning to move up the value chain and are trying to grab a piece of the high margin branded segment in the home textiles;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Indian exporters are expected to face stiff competition from Chinese exporters; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

**Scheme to encourage textile
exports**

†3710. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government

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are going to formulate a scheme to encourage textile exports;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the position of textile exports during the last three years; and

(d) the foreign exchange earned by India through textile export during this period?

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