

## RAJYA SABHA

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### List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Wednesday, the July 27, 2005/Sravana 5, 1927 (Saka)*

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

**Total number of questions —105**

#### **Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement with Singapore**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement was recently signed with the Singapore Government;

(b) what will be the impact of this Agreement on trading of items in the Negative List like liquor, beer etc.; and

(c) what are the details thereof?

#### **Import of cheap products**

†230. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:  
SHRIMATI PREMA  
CARIAPPA:

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

(a) whether Government are aware that cheap products, which have heavy subsidy from various developed countries are being imported and dumped in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government have formulated any strategy to check cheap imports with a view to protecting the interests of domestic industry and the farmers;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and by when arrangements would be made therefor?

#### **Permission to visit Sharda Mata Shrine**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has received representations from organisations of Kashmiri Pandit for visiting Sharda Mata Shrine located in PoK;

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

(c) whether there is any possibility to grant permission to Kashmiri Pandits for visiting Sharda Mata Shrine in near future; and

(d) if so, the timeframe thereof?

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### **India-Singapore MoU**

232. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Singapore have signed a Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the fears of Indian companies about Chinese goods entering India at concessional duty through Singapore has been allayed and if so, the safeguards adopted to protect the domestic industry from third country imports; and

(d) the extent to which this MoU would benefit India in boosting its trade?

### **Export of Alphanso Mango to China**

†233. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have permitted to export the 'alphanso' variety of mango to China;

(b) whether it is also a fact that China intend to import grapes, pomegranate, lady finger, bitter gourd and other vegetables from India;

(c) if so, whether Government are contemplating on according its sanction for the export thereof;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Export of Alphanso Mangoes**

†234. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Australia, Japan, New Zealand and America have expressed their intention to import Hapus (Alphanso) mango which is somewhat vapour heat treated;

(b) if so, whether Government are contemplating to allow export of Hapus mango to these countries;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Foreign investment in UP**

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

(a) the targets fixed for foreign investment in Uttar Pradesh during the last three years under the liberalisation policy alongwith the achievements thereof;

(b) the targets fixed for the foreign investment during the forthcoming five years; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government for achieving the target?

### **Industrial Development Centres in the country**

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

(a) the total number of Industrial Development Centres in the country as on the last month and the number of Industrial

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Development Centres in Uttar Pradesh out of the above;

(b) the amount provided by the Central Government to the Industrial Development Centres of Uttar Pradesh during the last three years; and

(c) the number of Industrial Development Centres proposed to be set up in this financial year alongwith the locations thereof?

#### **Made in India Exhibition in Lahore, Pakistan**

237. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Ministry of Commerce is planning to organize a 'made in India' exhibition in Lahore, Pakistan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government of Pakistan has allowed only exhibition of products to be displayed at the expo, and not granted permission for on the spot sale of all products;

(d) if so, whether Government propose to ask Pakistan Government to reconsider and allow on the spot sale of all products; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Asian Economic Community**

238. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently India has espoused vision of an Asian Economic Community, like the European Union, which would encompass the ASEAN, Japan, China, South Korea and India, to help achieve economic integration of the

region to drive Asia's emergence as the epicenter of global economy; and

(b) if so, the details of views expressed, if any, by other Asian countries and further initiatives taken/proposed to be taken to carve out a viable regional economic union?

#### **Mizoram as a Gateway to ASEAN nations**

239. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Mizoram is all set to become a gateway to ASEAN nations;

(b) which are the other centers for trade with ASEAN in the NE region;

(c) what are the main exchangeable items across the borders; and

(d) how far will this help to improve the economy of the NE Region?

#### **Rising Trade Deficit**

240. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the trade deficit has been rising from \$ 15 billion in 2003-04 to \$ 30 billion in 2004-05 indicating that our exports have been significantly falling behind imports;

(b) whether the exports of more labour intensive products like textiles and food products increases employment whereas the reserve goes for imports;

(c) whether in China exports have been running ahead of imports inspite of the increase in oil price; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to remedy the rising trade deficit?

### **Increase in Import**

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

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

(a) whether it is a fact that in comparison  
to export, import is increasing continuously  
during the past years in the country;

(b) if so, the difference between import  
and export during the year 2004-05 and  
after the first three months of year  
2005-2006;

(c) whether it is also a fact that number  
of those items are imported in the country  
which are exported as well; and

(d) if so, the names of these items and  
the reasons for importing such items which  
are exported as well?

### **Promotion of Business with USA, China and Russia**

242. SHRISANJAY RAUT: Will the  
Minister of COMMERCE AND  
INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have explored  
further possibilities to promote business  
with U.S.A., China and Russia during the  
last three months;

(b) if so, the names of items whose  
export and import is possible with these  
countries; and

(c) the other areas where business can  
be promoted and the facilities proposed to  
be provided by Government to Indian  
businessmen for this purpose?

### **Sanitary and Phytosanitary Standards for agro and farm products**

243. SHRI SANTOSH  
BAGRODIA:  
SHRI R.K. ANAND:  
SHRI K.B. KRISHNA  
MURTHY:  
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

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

(a) whether the WTO agreement  
provide for Sanitary and Phytosanitary  
standards for agro and farm products;

(b) if so, what is the mechanism to  
prescribe such standards;

(c) what are the guarantees to avoid such  
standards from being used as non-tariff  
barriers; and

(d) what steps are being taken to enhance  
Sanitary and Phytosanitary standards of  
the country's exports?

### **International diamond trading centre in India**

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

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government  
is thinking of setting up of International  
diamond trading centre in India;

(b) whether it is also a fact that India is  
the largest buyer of diamond roughs in the  
world;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government are thinking  
of allowing FDI in the diamond exploration;  
and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

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### **Export of medicines to America**

†245. DR. CHHATRAPAL SINGH  
LODHA:

PROF. R.B.S. VARMA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to export medicines to America;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there has been any dialogue between the two countries in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### **FDI proposals for Nagaland**

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

(a) the details of foreign direct investment proposals in the State of Nagaland received by Government during the last three years;

(b) the details of projects and the area of such projects approved for US, Russia, Japan and China; and

(c) the details of total amount invested in the State of Nagaland for setting up of various industries?

### **Private investment from India in Pakistan**

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

(a) whether the Government of Pakistan has recently allowed private investment from India in various fields;

(b) if so, the details thereof, indicating

the private investors allowed to invest and the activities in which these investments are proposed to be allowed; and

(c) whether the Government of India has given green signal to such investments?

### **Review of anti-dumping duty on shrimp import by US**

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

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

(a) whether US International Trade Commission announced its decision to hold "changed circumstances reviews" on its January decision to impose anti-dumping duty on shrimp import from India and Thailand;

(b) whether a fresh assessment of laws was being made;

(c) whether US ITC has decided to send experts to India to assess the damage caused to shrimp export business;

(d) if so, what are the reports made by them; and

(e) to what extent US's decision to revive anti-dumping duty on shrimp has been decided upon?

### **Guidelines set by Trade and Economic Relations Committee**

249. DR. T. SUBBARAMI  
REDDY:  
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

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

(a) whether Trade and Economic Relations Committee headed by Prime Minister met in the month of June and

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decided to set guidelines for future trade negotiations and enhancing flow in the country;

(b) if so, whether in the meeting the Commerce Minister presented a current status and future roadmap for a host of possible FTAs and RTAs to the Trade and Economic Relations Committee; and

(c) if so, what other decisions were taken by the Committee and what steps are being taken to implement them?

#### **Foreign trade under FTAs**

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

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

(a) whether it is a fact that foreign trade with several other countries of the world is done on the basis of Free Trade Agreements;

(b) if so, the names of the countries with which foreign trade of India is going on till date under Free Trade Agreements; and

(c) the value of export and import in terms of money during the year 2004-05 and during first three months of 2005-06 separately with each country?

#### **Joint Business Council between India and Pakistan**

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

(a) whether it is true that Pakistan endorsed India's proposal for setting up of a Joint Business Council for greater economic cooperation between the two countries;

(b) whether the issue of granting MFN status to India has come up when the Pakistan Commerce Minister came to India recently; and

(c) if so, and the details thereof and the reasons for not granting MFN status to India by Pakistan?

#### **Fall in coffee price**

252. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that coffee prices in the international market have fallen drastically thereby creating a lot of problems for coffee growers;

(b) if so, the special package announced by the Central Government for coffee growers;

(c) whether the coffee growers have alleged that correct information of the scheme has not been communicated to them by the concerned authorities;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the corrective measures taken to help the coffee growers in this regard?

#### **Backlog of vacancies of SC, ST and OBC**

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

(a) the details of backlog of vacancies of SCs, STs and OBCs separately in his Ministry and its subordinate offices as on 30th June, 2005, category-wise; and

(b) the necessary steps being taken by Government to fill up these vacant posts of the above-mentioned categories?

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### **Demand of Export Promotion Councils**

254. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that various Export Promotion Councils urged Government to remove the ceiling on the value of exports under the Duty Drawback Scheme to give boost to textiles;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what are the other demands/requests made by the Export Promotion Councils; and

(d) whether the councils have requested for reviewing of the system of Inter-ministerial Group to look into the various problems faced by exporters?

### **MBT Arjun**

†255. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that indigenously developed main battle tank 'Arjun' has not been found to be upto the mark in the test;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is possible to develop Arjun tank upto the mark;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, what is the alternative?

### **Security lapses in J & K**

256. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there were security lapses

which encouraged more extremist activities in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether army has been given more firepower in Jammu and Kashmir after last killing incidents during the last three months;

(d) if so, whether any directive has been issued to security forces to take measures to check infiltration and deal firmly with extremists that are operating at present in Jammu and Kashmir; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

### **Purchase of IL-38 surveillance aircraft**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Navy is planning to buy IL-38 surveillance aircraft to make up the considerably reduced naval surveillance capacity;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the existing IL-38 in the Navy are also going to be upgraded; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

### **Shortage of torpedoe in the Navy**

†258. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is shortage of torpedo in Navy; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken to remove this shortage?

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### **Sale of MIG-29 to India**

259. DR. VIJAY MALLYA:  
SHRI LALIT SURI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Russia, during Prime Minister's visit to that country in May, 2005, offered the sale of MIG-29 to India and also to assist India in the manufacture of that aircraft in India;

(b) if so, the details of the two offers; and

(c) by when the manufacture of MIG-29 in India would commence and by when India's dependence on Russia for its manufacture would end?

### **Patriot missile**

†260. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether America have committed to India to provide Patriot Advance Capability 3 Anti Missile Defence System for self defence and if so, how it will affect the defence preparedness by India;

(b) whether America have decided to provide F-16 Fighter Aircraft to India and whether India have accepted the said offer and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether it is a fact that a new era has began as a result of Indo-American defence procurement agreements and how much improvement has taken place in our country's military power thereof?

### **Basic principles of the framework agreement signed with the US Government**

261. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the basic principles of the framework agreement which the Defence Minister has signed with U.S.A. Government;

(b) what will be the implication of this agreement on India's defence and foreign policies; and

(c) would this imply Indian Armed Forces participating in any military action initiation by U.S.A. against international terrorism?

### **New framework for the US-India defence relationship**

262. SHRI C. RAMA-  
CHANDRAIAH:  
SHRI YASHWANT SINHA:  
SHRI MANOJ  
BHATTACHARYA:  
SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether during his recent visit to the USA, India and the USA signed on June 28, 2005 an agreement called the "New Framework for the US India Defence Relationship";

(b) if so, what are the salient features of this agreement; and

(c) what are the benefits which are likely to accrue to India from this new agreement?

### **Spreading AIDS in army jawans**

†263. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether with a view to weakening the jawans of army who have tightened their grip on the terrorist activities along the border, some foreign Government are conspiring to spread AIDS among them;

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(b) if so, the number of cases in this regard that have come to light;

(c) whether sex workers are being utilized in such cases; and

(d) if so, the arrangements being made by the Government to avoid such a situation?

#### **Manufacture of UAVs**

264. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Rs. 500 crore project has been launched for the indigenous manufacture of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) or spy drones which, reportedly, entails active collaboration between the Bangalore-based Aeronautical Development Establishment and the Israel Aircraft Industries, to boost the surveillance and precision strike capabilities of the armed forces; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and its present status?

#### **Indo-Sri Lanka defence dialogue**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a dialogue for co-operation in the field of defence is in process between India and Sri Lanka;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the agreement in the field of defence between both the countries is likely to be finalised?

#### **World record by Indian pilot**

†266. SMT. MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian pilots participating in the recent Indo-French joint

air exercise have set a world record during India-Paris flight;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) in what way Government are considering to honour the pilots for setting the record?

#### **Agreement on US-India defence relationship**

267. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the agreement signed on the US-India defence relationship during June-2005 consist co-production of defence equipment and clauses to collaborate in multinational operations;

(b) if so, whether there is any commitment on lifting the curbs on supply of high technology to India;

(c) if so, whether the above agreement will lead to open market for US weaponry to India;

(d) if so, whether the above agreement envisages the deployment of Indian troops in undefined U.S. led multinational operations regardless it is authorized by the United Nations or not; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Reduction of minimum period for discharging defence personnel**

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

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to reduce the minimum period for discharging

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defence personnel after ten years of their enrolment; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Developing Kaveri engine for LCA**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Gas Turbine Research establishment of DRDO is thinking of taking on board a global technical personnel to develop Kaveri engine for LCA;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the High Powered Committee has deliberated on this issue at length;

(d) whether it is also a fact that DRDO in opposing the move to take any technical help from outside; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

#### **Coastal Security Plan**

270. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:  
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the brief details of the Coastal Security Plan that envisages police stations in all coastal pockets;

(b) whether it is a centrally funded projects; and

(c) the details of areas that would be developed from security angle on the Orissa coast?

#### **Migration of persons from terrorism affected areas of J&K**

271. SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS BAL APTE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of people belonging to the minority community have migrated from the terrorism affected areas of Jammu and Kashmir due to the withdrawal of troops of para-military forces from those areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the people belonging to minority community of the state are being threatened by the terrorists for conversion of their religion; and

(d) the details of the action for the security of the minorities in the terrorism affected areas of Jammu and Kashmir?

#### **Terrorist attacks**

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

(a) whether there was a terrorist attack recently in Ayodhya;

(b) whether the culprits/organizations behind the attack have been identified;

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

(d) whether terrorism has raised its ugly head again across the country posing serious threat to India's integrity and sovereignty and communal amity; and

(e) if so, what measures are contemplated to ensure that terrorism does not succeed in this country?

#### **Natural calamities in Nagaland**

273. SHRI T.R. ZELIANG: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that due to unusual rain in Nagaland, properties/buildings/agriculture crops/roads were badly damaged during the year 2004;

(b) if so, whether any sanction has been accorded to compensate the damage caused by such natural calamities; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Dealing with HIV/AIDS among para-military forces**

274. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Ministry is thinking of setting up of a Task Force, in co-ordination with NACO, to deal with HIV/AIDS among the para-military forces in the country;

(b) what plan or strategy the Ministry has to prevent and control incidence of HIV/AIDS in para-military forces; and

(c) the details of constitution of the proposed National AIDS Council?

#### **Introduction of advanced passenger information system at airports**

275. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to introduce the advanced passenger information system to facilitate smoother Immigration Clearance at Indian Airports;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by when a notification in this regard is likely to be issued; and

(c) how far it would relieve the passengers from harassment and cut short the long queues and delays?

#### **Restructuring of National Integration Council**

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

(a) whether there is a proposal to restructure and revive the National Integration Council;

(b) if so, on what lines and what are the main objectives and function of the council so restructured; and

(c) the steps taken so far to restructure and revive the council?

#### **Revival of Khalistan movement**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of incidents have come to light that militants and separatist groups in Punjab are reviving their nefarious Khalistan movement;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken to prevent revival of militancy and terrorist era of pre-1984?

#### **Arrest of Babbar Khalsa Activist**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the arrest of Babbar Khalsa (BKI) Supremo Jagtar Singh

Hawara has revealed nexus between BKI and Border Security Forces;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the role of ISI of Pakistan in helping BKI in their unlawful activities in India; and

(d) the steps taken to nab all BKI activists?

#### **Barbed fencing of Indo-Nepal border**

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

(a) whether Government are considering to erect barbed fencing on Indian borders with Nepal;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Severe punishment for rapists**

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

(a) whether Government propose to review provisions of IPC to ensure severe punishment for rapists;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a Women's delegation has met the Home Minister in this regard with some suggestions;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government propose to strengthen the women's help line system to restore confidence; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Violent incidents by naxalites**

†281. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of violent incidents by Naxalites and Maoists has increased in the country during the last year;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard; and

(c) the names of the States affected by violent activities of various organizations alongwith the names of such organizations as per the assessment of Government?

#### **Measures to deal with organised mafia and extremists**

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

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the meeting of Eastern Zonal Council, he has asked the Naxalite infected States to speed up measures to deal with organized mafia and extremists;

(b) whether Government has drawn up some action plan to speed up this process;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of financial help rendered to Orissa and other similarly placed States to fight this menace?

#### **Infiltration of Bangladeshis**

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

(a) whether infiltration of Bangladeshis

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to this country continues unabated, despite erection of barbed wire fencing between the two countries;

(b) the estimated number of Bangladeshis in the country, particularly in Assam, Tripura, West Bengal, Bihar, Delhi and the areas around Delhi like Noida and Ghaziabad in Uttar Pradesh, Faridabad and Gurgaon in Haryana; and

(c) the number of Bangladeshis detected in Delhi during 2004 and 2005 so far and those deported to Bangladesh during the last three years ending 31st December, 2004?

#### **Foreigners staying in India illegally**

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

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of foreigners staying in India illegally are gradually going up;

(b) the details of foreigners illegally staying in India over the last five years; year-wise and State-wise;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Central Foreigners Bureau is looking after this issue or whether any other agency/department is looking at this issue;

(d) whether it is true that the Registrar of visiting foreigners has been delegated to State Governments under Registration of Foreigners Act, 1939; and

(e) if so, the reasons behind this transfer to States?

#### **Inadequate strength of Delhi Police personnel**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of Delhi Police personnel is not adequate in proportion to the burgeoning population of Delhi;

(b) if so, whether Government are contemplating to increase the number of personnel of Delhi Police to provide security to the common man;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Involvement of Maoists in recent attack in West Champaran**

286. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR:  
SHRI LALIT SURI:  
SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that police have seized evidence to establish the involvement of Maoists ultras in the recent attack in West Champaran alongwith the Indo-Nepal border;

(b) whether hundreds of Maoists from Nepal were involved in the operation;

(c) whether with this incident of Nepal Maoists have brought war into India; and

(d) what steps Government are taking to curb the movement?

#### **Modernisation of Police in Jharkhand**

287. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of money sanctioned for police modernization in Jharkhand by

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Government of India during the last three years; and

(b) the amount released and the amount utilized so far?

#### **Non-deportation of Bangladeshis**

†288. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA:  
SHRI PYARELAL  
KHANDELWAL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi High Court has expressed its unhappiness over non-deportation of Bangladeshis living illegally;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the Government's reaction thereto?

#### **Financial assistance to Tsunami affected families**

†289. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of families in the country suffered or rendered homeless by the 'Tsunami' disaster and the number of people affected;

(b) the funds accumulated as financial assistance from Governments or foreign countries for the assistance of Tsunami victims so far and the extent thereof spent for their assistance; and

(c) the progress made in the works done so far for the rehabilitation of Tsunami victims and people rendered, homeless and the details thereof?

#### **Setting up of Command and Control structure**

290. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering setting up a Command and Control structure to deal with the situation arising from terror attacks or natural disasters; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Use of Nepal and Bangladesh borders by terrorists/insurgents**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that persons involved in terrorism and insurgency are using Nepal and Bangladesh borders for their entry and exit; and

(b) if so, the measures taken by Government to prevent the same?

#### **Arrests of human bombs in Delhi**

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

(a) whether Government have arrested many human bombs recently in the capital who came to Delhi to carryout killing of VIPs;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have prepared any action plan to find out human bombs; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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### **Tackling of Maoist violence**

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

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some States in the country have decided to tackle Maoist violence with mutual cooperation;

(b) if so, whether the Centre also has assured to help these States; and

(c) if so, the names of these States and the forms and types of aid decided so far to be provided to these States by the Central Government?

### **Review Committees on POTA**

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

(a) whether the Central Review Committee on POTA and other review committees have ruled in many cases, not to proceed against the accused under POTA;

(b) if so, the details of such cases including action taken based on the above ruling for the last two years, year-wise, and State-wise; and

(c) the present status of the decision of Central Review Committee on POTA in Godhra case at Gujarat?

### **Infiltration in J&K**

†295. SHRI PAYARELAL  
KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of incidents of illegal infiltration in bordering areas of Jammu and Kashmir during the last six months;

(b) the number of encounters between terrorist infiltrators and border security forces alongwith the number of infiltrators killed and captured; and

(c) the number of security personnel killed and those injured during the said period and the quantum of arms seized?

### **Aditya Solar Shops**

†296. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to open 'Aditya Solar Shops' for the plants related to solar energy in the country;

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

(c) the number of towns where 'Aditya Solar Shop' are planned to be opened at present; and

(d) the amount likely to be spent by Government for this?

### **Installed capacity of wind energy**

297. SHRIMATI N. P. DURGA: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that one of the fastest growing sectors in the country is wind energy;

(b) whether it is also a fact that within next two years India is going to generate 6,000 MW of wind power;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) what action plan does the Ministry have to achieve 6000 MW of wind energy by 2007; and

(e) what is the installed capacity of wind energy in the country, State-wise?

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### **Setting up of power plants in NER**

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

(a) the details of proposals formulated for setting up of power plants in North Eastern Region specially in Nagaland during the current year;

(b) the location-wise details thereof; and

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

### **Proposal to review the guarantee fee charged for outstanding multilateral loans**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is considering the Power Grid Corporation's proposal to review the current guarantee fee charged for outstanding multilateral loans;

(b) if so, what is the present rate of fee on outstanding loans; and

(c) what are the reasons for reviewing the same?

### **Assessment of power sector made by Planning Commission**

300. SHRIMANOJBHATTACHARYA: SHRIC. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the internal assessment made by the Planning Commission the power sector in the country remains an area of serious concern;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has identified the major bottlenecks in the growth of the power sector and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken in regard thereto?

### **Public investment in power sector**

301. SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS BAL APTE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether public investment in power sector is being stepped up considerably;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Rural electrification in Jharkhand**

302. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of programmes under the Rural Electrification Programme at present;

(b) the amount under the various programmes for rural electrification in Jharkhand during the last two years; and

(c) the amount released and utilised so far?

### **Project under APDRP for Jharkhand**

303. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of projects under APDRP sanctioned for Jharkhand and the amount of Government of India component for these schemes for the last three years; and



(b) the amount released so far and the amount utilized for the last three years?

#### **Mining of coal by NTPC**

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

(a) whether it is true that NTPC has decided to start mining of coal to meet its thermal requirements across the country;

(b) the details of coal required for NTPC for the last three years, year-wise;

(c) the details of coal supplied to NTPC by various companies during the last three years, year-wise; and

(d) the details of coal by NTPC to meet its mended production requirement during the last three years, year-wise?

#### **Hydro power projects in Assam**

305. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state the details of Hydro power projects formulated and being implemented in the State of Assam alongwith the financial allocation made, target set for its commission and completion date of these projects?

#### **Renovation and modernisation of BTPS and CTPS**

306. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has done any cost-benefit analysis for the renovation and modernization of Bongaigaon Thermal Power Station (BTPS) and Chandrapur Thermal Power Station (CTPS) of Assam;

(b) if so, when the actual work of R&M is going to be started; and

(c) whether any agency or organization has been engaged so far for the R&M of BTPS?

#### **Percentage of people living below the poverty line**

307. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the year in which the latest study was done to ascertain the percentage of people living below the poverty line State-wise;

(b) the details of such survey;

(c) the criteria on which the poverty is assessed;

(d) the concessions provided to the people living below the poverty line; and

(e) time frame by which poverty shall be completely eradicated?

#### **Mandays generated in States/UTs**

308. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of mandays generated in each State and Union Territory of the country during the period from 01.4.2004 to 30.6.2005;

(b) the number of mandays generated in the scheduled 150 districts of the country on the average and the number outside those districts on the average; and

(c) whether steps would be taken to include all the districts of the Country in providing 100 mandays a year?

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### **Implementation of SGRY**

309. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) is being implemented in different States/UTs;

(b) if so, the allocation made by Centre to different States/UTs under the Yojana for the year 2005-06 and proposed to be made for 2006-07;

(c) the number of persons covered under the Yojana during last two years in different States/UTs; and

(d) how it is ensured that the benefit of SGRY reaches only eligible persons?

### **Money received through Diesel Cess**

310. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana is funded through the rural roads share of Diesel Cess of Re. 1 per litre on HSD;

(b) if so, the amount of money received through the Diesel Cess during the last three years and likely to be received during 2005-06; and

(c) the details of roads constructed so far in different States/UTs under PMGSY and the amount of money spent in each case?

### **Sanitation facilities in rural India**

311. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number and percentage of population in Rural India, particularly the

Northern States who have still no access to sanitation facilities even 58 years after Independence; and

(b) the progress made in providing such facilities during the Ninth and Tenth Five Year Plans so far; and the expenditure incurred thereon?

### **Development of KBK districts of Orissa**

†312. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount allocated till 31st March, 2005 under the long-term action plan formulated and implemented for all round development of Kalahandi, Bolangir and Koraput (KBK) districts of Orissa;

(b) the economic, educational and social upliftment in overall living standard of residents of the said districts due to allocation of the said amount;

(c) whether it is a fact that there has not been any expected improvement in the overall living standard of natives of the said districts in comparison to the amount allocated by Government; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the action being taken by Government for improving their living standards?

### **Funds under Self Employment Guarantee Scheme**

†313. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of funds allocated during the last three years under Self Employment Guarantee Scheme;

(b) the amount of funds allocated and issued to Kalahandi, Bolangir and Koraput

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(KBK) districts of Orissa for providing means of employment under this scheme during the said period;

(c) to what extent economic, educational and social standard of living of the inhabitants of said districts has improved after the allocation of funds;

(d) whether it is a fact that inhabitants of the said districts have not yet received the required benefit of this scheme; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Grant for Swajaldhara Scheme**

†314. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the budget allocated to each State till 31st December, 2005 for the implementation of the Swajaldhara Rural Drinking Water Projects;

(b) the maximum limit of cost of such a project; and

(c) the State-wise details of the extent of benefit each State has accrued under the "Rashtriya Swajaldhara Yojana" so far?

#### **Extension of Watershed programme under DPAP**

†315. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some State Governments have sought extension for watershed programmes running under DPAP;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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

#### **Implementation of Bharat Nirman Scheme**

†316. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the most ambitious scheme "Bharat Nirman" of the Government;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Rural Development is not able to implement this scheme for want of funds;

(c) whether it is a fact the poor are being misled the name of this scheme by placing old schemes as Bharat Nirman; and

(d) the details thereof ?

#### **Sanitation facilities in villages of U.P.**

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

(a) the number of villages developed in Uttar Pradesh under Rural Sanitation Programme sponsored by the Centre;

(b) the amount earmarked for this purpose during the previous year;

(c) whether Government of Uttar Pradesh have sent specific projects to Central Government under the said programme for approval and release of funds;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) any expected time limit fixed for consideration for sanctioning the project by the Centre?

#### **Implementation of SGSY**

†318. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the States where Swarn Jayanti Rural Employment Scheme is being implemented;

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(b) the amount sanctioned and released under this scheme during last two years in the areas where this scheme is being implemented;

(c) whether Government propose to start this scheme in the remaining States or parts of the country; if so, by when and the reasons for not starting this scheme there so far; and

(d) the number of persons who have been provided employment under this scheme so far?

#### **BPL families in Chhattisgarh**

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

(a) total number of families living Below Poverty Line in the State of Chhattisgarh as on date alongwith percentage of the said families;

(b) the total number of such families in the State of Chhattisgarh, especially in Bilaspur which have been provided with assistance under various schemes of poverty alleviation during the last three years;

(c) whether Government have formulated any schemes for providing benefits to such families; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Poverty alleviation programme**

320. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the scheme-wise details of allocation under various poverty alleviation programmes in the country during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the scheme-wise expenditure made during this period in the different States of the country; and

(c) what are the reasons for not utilizing the cent-percent funds by the States on poverty alleviation programme?

#### **Decision to close down jute mills**

†321. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to close down the jute mills operating under National Jute Manufacturers Corporations, which includes six nationalized jute mills;

(b) the number of permanent, casual and contract employees working in these jute mills alongwith the policy of Government with regard to the future of these employees; and

(c) whether Government have formulated any alternative policy to meet the shortage of jute products; and if so, the details of the said policy?

#### **Selling of NTC mills**

322. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:  
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA  
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to sell 18 of its NTC mills in the country;

(b) if so, the details of mills that are going to be sold;

(c) whether it is also a fact that NTC is thinking of running 15 of its mills; and

(d) if so, the details of mills that are going to be revived in the country, State-wise?

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### **NTC mills closed in Tamil Nadu**

323. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of textile mills under NTC/subsidiaries of NTC closed down in Tamil Nadu so far;

(b) the reasons for their closure;

(c) whether Government have plans for reviving some closed/sick mills in the country; and

(d) if so, the mills proposed to be revived in Tamil Nadu?

### **Revival of sick mills**

324. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sick textile mills at present and the number of them referred to BIFR;

(b) whether Government propose to revive these mills via joint venture;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the industry has seen a flurry of Merger and Acquisition (M&A) activities; and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the package which Government propose to invest to revive them?

### **Textile exports**

325. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian textile exports could not come up to expectations during the first six months of the quota free world regime;

(b) whether India remained a poor second with China far ahead;

(c) the comparative export figures of India, China and other textile exporting countries during the first two quarters of 2005 and the corresponding figures for 2004 and 2003; and

(d) what special steps were taken by Government to promote India's textile exports in the quota free export regime?

### **Legislation to protect consumers' interests**

326. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:  
SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering legislative intervention to protect the consumers' interests in the de-regulated textile-trade environment;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when a Bill for the purpose is proposed to be brought forward in Parliament?

### **Losses suffered by State Handloom Corporations**

327. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that some State Handloom Corporations are incurring heavy losses;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Central Government have recently taken steps to help some of these handloom corporations and particularly the Karnataka State Handloom Development Corporation;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the other steps taken to rejuvenate the other Handloom Corporations in the country?

#### **Jobs in textile sector**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that textile industry is expected to double production in 4 years and capture 15 per cent of the global textile trade with ability to add 1.2 crore jobs in the textile sector during the next 4 years;

(b) if so, the details in this regard and the basis for such assumptions;

(c) whether in the backdrop of such assumptions, Government propose to reform the labour laws in the textile sector; and

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

#### **Development of silk industry in NER**

329. SHRI T.R. ZELIANG: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal for the promotion and development of silk industry in NER;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by when the above proposal is likely to be implemented?

#### **Closure of jute mills**

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

(a) whether Government have decided to close down jute mills;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether with the closure of jute mills, thousands of workers will be rendered jobless;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken for the safety of their jobs?

#### **Subsidy to the textile sector**

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

(a) whether Government are considering to provide a one-time capital subsidy of 10 per cent to the processing units in the textile sector under the 'Technology Upgradation fund Scheme';

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

(c) whether handloom sector would also be covered under the scheme; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard, if not, whether a similar scheme would be considered for the handloom sector?

#### **Promotion of handicrafts**

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

(a) what are the details of Centrally Sponsored Scheme, 'Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hasthashilpa Vikas Yojana', for promotion of handicrafts, with details of assistance released during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) whether Government of Karnataka has submitted certain proposals seeking assistance under the above Scheme; and

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

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**Decline in textile exports**

†333. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

SHRIMATI PREMA

CARIAPPA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be  
pleased to state:

(a) the decline in the export of textiles  
from India and percentage increase in the

export of textiles from China after the end  
of 'quota raj' since January, 2005;

(b) the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken by  
Government to ensure that textile export  
industry could sustain itself in the  
competitive market and by when results  
thereof are likely to be achieved?

NEW DELHI;  
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YOGENDRA NARAIN,  
*Secretary-General.*

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