RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on Wednesday, the November 27, 2002/Agrahayana 6, 1924 (Saka)

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

Total number of questions—121

Corrupt practices by CIL officials

765. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that an official of Coal India Limited complained to Chief Vigilance Commissioner regarding corrupt practices indulged by one General Manager, Personnel of CIL;
- (b) whether the complainant has been transferred subsequently;
 - (c) the reasons for such transfer;
- (d) whether Government have received any representation against this transfer; and
- (e) if so, the response of Government on the representation?

Discovery of diamond mines in Orissa

766. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have discovered new diamond mines in the State of Orissa:
- (b) if so, the approximate areas in which diamond mines are located;

- (c) the steps taken for the proper exploitation of those diamond mines; and
 - (d) the details thereof?

Performance of NALCO

767. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the public sector undertaking, National Aluminium Company (NALCO) has been earning profit;
- (b) if so, since when and the performance of NALCO during last three years:
- (c) whether Government have a proposal for the expansion of NALCO;
 - (d) if so, the details thereof; and
 - (e) the various steps taken therefor?

Misuse of Official telephone

768. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that General Manager, Personnel, Coal India Ltd. was found misusing his Official telephones for making international indecent calls;

- (b) if so, the details thereof and amount involved in misuse:
- (c) whether Coal India Ltd. enquired into the matter: and
- (d) if so, the action taken against the concerned official?

Private investment in coal sector

769. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA:

Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) the policy regarding private investment in the coal sector;
- (b) what has been the response of the private sector; and
- (c) the details of steps taken by Government for mining of underground mines with the assistance of private sector?

Illegal coal mining

- 770. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have found large scale illegal coal mining in the command areas of the Central Coalfields Limited;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Coal Mines Nationalisation Act would be amended suitably to curb such illegal practices;
 - (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the officials of CCI have been involved in such illegal mining; and
- (f) if so, action Government propose to take in this regard?

Raising of Tiger force by IAF

771. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is true that the Indian Air Force is seriously thinking of raising a force with new inductions and selective upgrades to supplement its air detection system;
 - (b) if so, the details of such expansion;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the Air Force is proposing to raise "Tiger Force" to guard airports and other expensive and important areas of the country; and
 - (d) if so, by when?

Exit Policy for officers of armed forces

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

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is working out on Exit Policy for the officers of the Army, Air Force and Navy to bring down the average age of commanding officers and brigade commands;
- (b) if so, would it be on the lines of the VRS offered in the PSUs;
- (c) whether the proposed exercise is a part of the cadre review or cadre restructuring to improve the functional command; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

Strengthening the LoC

773. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study has been made to find out that instead of mobilization of Defence Forces from our Borders, involving a maintenance expenditure of 7,000 crores whether the desired purpose would have been served by only strengthening the LoC, which would have involved much less mobilization and appreciably less maintenance expenditure; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

Gains accrued from mobilization of armed forces

774. DR. MANMOHAN SINGH: SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the gains which accrued to the country from mobilization of armed forces since the beginning of the current year; and
- (b) the additional expenditure incurred on this account in 2001-2002 and likely extra expenditure during 2002-2003?

Pull out of army from Indo-Pak Border

775. SHRI MANOJ BHATTA-CHARYA: SHRI KARNENDU BHATTA-CHARJEE:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the compelling reasons which led to the pull out of the army from the Indo-Pak Border;
 - (b) whether the decision was taken at the

political level without adequate and meaningful consultation with the concerned defence authorities; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

Appointment of Generals in Indian Army

776. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Army has requested the Government to appoint 432 Generals; and
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor and Government's reaction thereto?

Purchase of L-159 aircraft

- 777. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is true that Government has decided to purchase L-159 aircraft; and
- (b) if so, what are the reasons to select L-159 aircraft over Hawks?

Representation from residents of border areas for withdrawal of armed forces

778. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have received any representation from the residents of border areas for the withdrawal of the army from the border areas due to prevailing drought conditions in Rajasthan and Punjab;
- (b) whether it is a fact that no compensation has been paid for the large number of cattle killed by landmines, for the destruction of crops and for displacement of rural labourers of that areas;

- (c) if so, the details of other demands made thereof; and
- (d) the action taken by Government in the matter?

CAG criticism on purchases made during Kargil war

- 779. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that CAG in its latest report has criticised Government with regard to the purchase of anti-aircraft missiles and bombs during the Kargil war 'Operation Vijay'; and
 - (b) if so, Governments' reaction thereto?

India-France talks on defence

- 780. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that India and France had a talk in Paris recently for transfer of technology for manufacture of Mirage 2000;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the other areas of understanding reached with France during the discussion?

Compensation to soldiers killed during Kargil war

- †781. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of soldiers killed during the Kargil war;
- (b) the number of soldiers killed since the end of Kargil war till date;
 - (c) whether Government have given full

- compensation to the next of kin of those killed during the said period; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the list?

Project 75 of Nav Submarine Design Bureau

- 782. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the Naval Submarine Design Bureau has launched its Project 75; and
- (b) if so, the details of its target along with the estimated expenses per unit and the timeframe set for its completion?

Defence cooperation with Laos

- 783. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to step up defence cooperation with Laos: and
 - (b) if so, the details thereof?

IL-38 aircraft collision in Goa

- 784. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that two Russian Ilyushin-38 maritime reconnaissance aircraft collided in mid air during an air show killing 16 people near INS Hansa Naval Airbase in Goa;
 - (b) if so, the details of the incident;
- (c) whether any enquiry has been ordered to look into the whole incident; and

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

(d) if so, whether the Committee has submitted its report and the results of the report?

Phasing out of MIGs

785. SHRI C. RAMACHAND-RAIAH:

> SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that more than 100 MIG-21s fighter jets have crashed so far due to various factors;
 - (b) if so, what are the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government have conducted inquiry into each air crash and if so, what are the broad details of inquiry reports of each air craft crash; and
- (d) whether Government propose to phase out these aircrafts and if not, the reasons therefor?

Compensation to families of deceased IL-38 plane crash victims

786. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the families of the victims of defence personnel who died in an IL-38 Naval plane crash over Goa have made a representation to the Government to declare the deaths 'Under active duty';
- (b) whether Government had earlier declared such deaths as in harness; and
- (c) if so, whether Government would consider the representation of the deceased's kith and kin and offer them adequate compensation and privileges admissible under 'Active duty' category?

Increase in MIG crashes

787. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the incidents of MIG 21 crashes have been increasing during the current year in comparison to the last five years;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether two MIG 21 crashes have taken place in the month of September, 2002, after getting clearance to fly;
- (d) if so, the reasons of such crashes; and
- (e) the steps taken by Government to retire MIG 21 and bring confidence about safety of the planes?

MIG-21 planes with IAF

788. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of MIG-21 planes with IAF;
- (b) the number of MIGs crashed between 2000-2002;
 - (c) whether accident rate was more; and
- (d) whether the causes of the accidents have been analysed?

Purchase of inferior spares/equipments for MIG-21

789. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India purchased second hand (reconditioned) engines, spares and other equipments of MIG-21;

- (b) whether MIG spares came under cloud as two planes crashed in a single day in September, 2002; and
- (c) if not, whether the cause of the crash probed and analysed by the Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. officials?

Indo-France joint exercises

- 790. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that France will conduct combat exercises with the Indian Air Force in Gwalior next year;
- (b) if so, the number of exercises likely to be performed;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the Indian Air Force has recently been trained by the Air Forces of some other countries; and
- (d) if so, what are the names of such countries?

Benefits of Indo-US joint military exercises

- 791. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that a number of Indo-US military exercises have taken place during the last one year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the benefits derived by our defence forces therefrom:
- (c) whether these exercises also covered combating nuclear war;
- (d) whether such joint exercises have also been carried out recently with Pakistan; and
 - (e) if so, the details thereof?

Setting up new coast guard stations

- 792. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to set up 10 new coast guard stations along different coasts of the country to check the rising smuggling activity and to facilitate greater maritime operations;
 - (b) if so, the details of the proposal; and
- (c) whether the Ministry has got the approval from the Ministry of Finance?

Induction of IL-78 aircraft

- 793. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:
- (a) by when the Indian Air Force will induct IL-78 aircraft;
- (b) by when the Air Force is going to get Mirage 2000 fighters fitted with air-toair refuelling capability; and
- (c) what are the obstacles in inducting the above aircrafts into the Indian Air Force?

Propriety of decorating tainted officer

- 794. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Air Marshal M.S. Sekhon was presented the Param Vishisht Seva Medal;
- (b) whether it is also true that Shri Sekhon was made to retire prematurely after the revelation of his seeking political help for his career promotion;
- (c) if so, whether there is any impropriety in decorating such tainted officers with such prestigious awards; and
 - (d) comment of Government thereon?

Proposal for amending Human Rights Act

795. DR. ABRAR AHMED: SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have received proposals for amending Human Rights Act;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
 - (c) the reaction of Government thereto?

All Women Police Stations

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

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the States in which All-women Police Stations have been opened with nature of cases entrusted to them, especially relating to women; and
- (b) what is feedback of performance of All-women Police Station opened in Bhubaneswar in Orissa?

Atrocities against women

†797. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU):

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the comprehensive details of the atrocities committed against women in various States of the country during the last three years, State-wise/year-wise/crime-wise; and
- (b) the effective steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to check the

incidents of atrocities committed against women?

Financial rules of Ladakh Council

798. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN: SHRI V. V. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that though the Ladakh Council was set up long back in the year 1975, the financial rules of the Council have not been framed as yet;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) what is the criteria being adopted for the allotment of plan allocation to this part of Jammu and Kashmir?

Non-payment of property tax in Delhi

799. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware that more than half a million properties in the National Capital Territory of Delhi are not paying property tax though residents of these properties enjoy full civic amenities;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) what steps Government propose to take to collect property tax from those residents who are not paying property tax for the last many years?

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

National Committee on Disaster Management

800. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO:

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Delhi High Court has asked the National Committee on Disaster Management (NCDM) of finalise its draft agenda;
- (b) if so, whether the NCDM chaired by the Prime Minister has not been able to meet even once since its inception;
- (c) whether the main purpose of setting up of NCDM was to thrash out issues like establishment of an exclusive Ministry for disaster management etc.;
- (d) if so, whether the directive of the High Court has been implemented by the Government; and
- (e) if so, what are the details of the agenda prepared?

Modernisation of Delhi Police

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

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the proposed measures to modernize Delhi Police;
- (b) whether it is proposed to increase the police districts in Delhi; if so, the details with areas that would be served by the new districts; and
- (c) whether the proposal will also involve additional manpower; if so, the details thereof?

Custodial deaths

†802. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that as per reports of National Human Rights Commission, 666 deaths have taken place in police custody during the last six months in various States of the country;
- (b) if not, the details of facts in this regard;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that most of such deaths have occurred in Uttar Pradesh and if so, the number thereof; and
- (d) whether Government have prepared any national scheme for police reforms in the light of above mentioned facts?

Illegal immigrants

803. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware that illegal immigrants from Pakistan, Bangladesh, Iran, Iraq and African countries have increased during the last one year;
- (b) if so, what is the total number of persons from these countries who are staying illegally in India; and
- (c) what steps Government have taken or propose to take to deport these nationals to their respective countries?

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

Killing of alleged terrorists by Delhi Police

804. SHRI ABANI ROY: SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether NHRC has served notice to the Delhi Police on an encounter in which two alleged terrorists were killed at Ansal Plaza on 3rd November, 2002;
- (b) if so, whether statements made by eyewitnesses have revealed that it was a fake encounter;
- (c) if so, the facts and details in this regard; and
- (d) the details of reply given by Delhi Police to NHRC on the issue?

New property tax system in Delhi

805. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item titled "MCD for square deal in property tax" appearing in the 'Times of India', New Delhi on 23rd October, 2002; and
- (b) if so, what are the details of the new system of property tax to be announced by the Government and to what extent it will help the property owners in NCT of Delhi?

Illegal arms confiscated from different parts of the country

806. SHRI MANOJ BHATTA-CHARYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of illegal arms confiscated from different parts of the country during the last five years, State-wise and year-wise;
- (b) the manner in which the confiscated arms are disposed;
- (c) whether efforts have been made to identity the country of origin of the confiscated arms and if so, with what success; and
- (d) whether any further action is taken with regard to the arms whose country of origin could be traced?

National Police Commission

807.SHRI C. P. THIRUNAVUKKA-RASU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government propose to implement the recommendations of National Police Commission for improving the working conditions of the Delhi Police as directed by Hon'ble High Court;
- (b) if so, the details of action taken in this regard; and
 - (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Pending cases of freedom fighters' pensions

808. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether freedom fighters' pensions cases are pending;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) by when Government propose to dispose off these cases?

Justice Malimath Committee Report

- 809. SHRI C. P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have received report of Justice Malimath Committee on reforming the criminal justice system in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the main recommendations;
- (c) whether Government have taken action on the recommendations of the report; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

Modernisation of Police Forces

- 810. SHRI C. O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) the details of the scheme being implemented/sponsored by Union Government for modernisation of police forces in all States; and
- (b) the details of the amount sanctioned till 31st July, 2002 for this purpose to various States, State-wise?

Finger print manual for NCRB

- 811. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government are aware that National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) does not have a finger print manual, which is must for smooth functioning of any Bureau;
 - (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to equip all the Finger Print Bureaus (FPBs) across the country with Finger print

Analysis and Criminal Training System (FACTS) in order to help them in maintaining, tracing and comparing finger print of criminals?

Delay in declaring results

- 812. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that vacancies earmarked for SC, ST & OBC are to be filled up within the stipulated time;
- (b) whether a large number of candidates belonging to said categories have been awaiting for their results even after qualifying physical test, written test and interviews held in August, 2002 for the post of Constable (Exe.) in Delhi Police;
- (c) if so, why is the Delhi Police adopting the dilatory tactics to declare the results and issue appointment letters; and
- (d) by which specific date, the Delhi Police propose to declare the results of successful candidates?

Bills sent for President's Assent

- 813. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of Bills sent by Government of Himachal Pradesh and Haryana for President's Assent since March, 2001;
- (b) the dates on which these bills were passed and when they were sent to the Central Government; and
- (c) the bills on which President has accorded his assent and the bills still pending with the reasons of their pendency?

Abolition of Mobile Civil Emergency Force

- 814. SHRI B. P. SINGHAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that the Mobile Civil Emergency Force which had 200 men contingent, trained for rescue in the event of fire, earthquake and also possessed equipments to perform the task has been abolished;
- (b) what was the reason for abolishing this force whose services were availed to tackle emergency, disastrous situation of small and medium proportions;
- (c) in the light of absence of any such emergency force in States, whether Government intend to raise this force again; if so, by when; and
- (d) whether Government intend to suggest to all States to have similar emergency forces for disaster-management?

Reports of NHRC

- 815. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) how many reports have been submitted by National Human Rights Commission during last three years;
- (b) whether Action Taken Reports have been presented to the Parliament on all reports;
- (c) if so, in how many cases action has been initiated including prosecution; and
 - (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Vacant posts in NHRC

816. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that National Human Rights Commission has not filled up existing vacancies due to which a lot of complaints received by NHRC have been unattended to;
- (b) if so, the efforts made by Government in this regard to fill up the vacancies;
- (c) the number of pending cases unattended by NHRC since January, 2001;
- (d) how would NHRC propose to resolve the same; and
- (e) the details of the vacant posts in all the categories since January, 2001?

Gang engaged in fake credit cards

- 817. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is true that Delhi Police have nabbed a gang indulging in the making of fake credit cards;
- (b) if so, what are the details thereof; and
- (c) what action Government have taken so far to protect the interest of credit card holders in the country from these gangsters?

Kidnapping cases

- †818. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that 23504 cases of kidnapping have been registered throughout the country in 1998;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that more than one thousand cases of kidnapping were registered in each of the more than ten States during the year 1998; and

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(c) if so, what action Government are taking to prevent the incidents of kidnapping?

Providing speed governors to vehicles in NCT

- 819. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether all vehicles operating in the National Capital Territory, other than three wheelers, are likely to be provided with speed governors compulsorily;
- (b) whether police strength is quite inadequate to regulate the traffic and as per Delhi Traffic Police Commissioner only two hands are doing the job of 20 hands;
- (c) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and
- (d) what steps are being taken in this regard?

Water dispute between Haryana and Punjab

- 820. SHRI KARTAR SINGH DUGGAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) what is the latest development in respect of Haryana-Punjab river water dispute; and
- (b) what initiative is being taken by Government to have it settled amicably before it assumes the menacing proportion of Karnataka-Tamil Nadu wrangle?

Killings in police custody in Gujarat

- 821. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that there has been instances where alleged terrorists in police

- custody have been killed by the Gujarat Police in the past one year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and circumstances thereon;
- (c) whether Government have asked for any reports on these incidents;
- (d) if so, the salient features of these reports;
 - (e) if not, the reason therefor; and
- (f) in absence of SHRC in Gujarat whether these have been referred to the NHRC by Government?

Administrative set up of UT of Delhi

- 822. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government of the Union Territory of Delhi has submitted any proposal for providing a unique set up for administration of the Capital;
- (b) if so, the details of the proposed set up; and
- (c) the Union Government's decision thereon?

Package and additional powers to Jammu and Kashmir

- 823. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government with the help of its interlocutor or otherwise have decided about the nature and details of the package and additional powers to be given to Jammu and Kashmir;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the response of the State Government thereto?

Dual citizenship

824. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:

SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have under consideration a proposal to grant dual citizenship to people of Indian origin settled abroad as per the assurance given by the Prime Minister sometime back;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any problems or difficulties have been identified in the implementation of the proposal; and
- (d) by when the proposal is likely to be finalised and formally announced?

Fencing along Indo-Bangla border

- 825. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the second phase of fencing along the Indo-Bangla border in South Bengal has hit a road block due to shifting of villages;
 - (b) if so, the facts and details thereof;
- (c) whether any negotiations with Bangladesh Rifles have been made in the past few months to clear the hurdles on fencing;
 - (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by when entire fencing on Indo-Bangla border is likely to be completed?

Undertrials in jails

- 826. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) how many undertrials are in various jails of the country on date alongwith State-wise figures for the last three years;
- (b) the number of women and aged among them on date;
- (c) whether it is true that the jail span of the undertrials have been unnecessarily extended;
- (d) if so, how Government plan to solve this problem; and
- (e) what steps have been taken by various State Governments and the Central Government for avoiding the delay in completing their judicial procedures?

Meetings of Hindi Salahkar Samiti

- †827. SHRI B.P. SINGHAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether any rules/orders have been issued in respect of period of meetings of Hindi Salahkar Samiti:
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that meetings of Hindi Salahkar Samitis are not being convened according to these rules/orders; and
- (d) if so, the steps Government are taking to implement them effectively?

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

Directives to Gujarat Government regarding recent violence under Article 355

828. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether directives have been issued by Union Government to the Government of Gujarat under Article 355 or any other relevant articles of the Constitution with regard to recent violence, law and order problems and relief and rehabilitation measures for displaced persons;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
 - (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Crimes in Delhi

- 829. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether crime against women, with cases of sexual harassment has increased considerably especially in metropolitan cities:
- (b) whether it is a fact that Delhi has become the crime capital of the country also;and
- (c) the remedial measures taken to make Delhi a safe city and reduce the murders, rapes, etc.?

Re-activation of Rape Crises Intervention Centres

- †830. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item under the caption, "Rape Intervention Centres to be put back on Track", published at page

- number 3 of the 'Hindustan Times' dated 17th October, 2002;
- (b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto;
- (c) whether Government will re-activate Rape Crises Intervention Centres (RCIC) in view of the rapidly increasing incidents of rapes in Delhi;
 - (d) if so, by when; and
- (e) action taken by Government to save the rape victims from police harassment?

Setting up of Special CBI Court

- 831. SHRI MANOJ BHATTA-CHARYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the Lucknow Bench of the Allahabad High Court had set aside on a purely technical ground, the notification setting up a Special CBI Court to deal with the Babri Masjid demolition case;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) steps initiated to get a fresh notification issued for reconstituting the Special Court?

Security personnel killed in Kashmir

- 832. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) the details of security personnel killed by the militants in Jammu and Kashmir during the last three years and till date;
- (b) the details of militants killed and surrendered in the State alongwith the weapons seized during this period; and
- (c) the measures being taken by Government to prevent the militants for entering illegally into the country through the Indian borders?

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

Bringing an enactment to conserve heritage in Old Delhi

833. SHRI B.J. PANDA: MISS MABEL REBELLO:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether MCD propose to bring in an enactment to conserve heritage in the Delhi old city area; if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the job of restoration of the lost glory of the walled city has been entrusted to some private agency; if so, the name of the agency and the detailed nature of work so entrusted; and
- (c) whether the proposed enactment is confined to monuments in MCD area only or it would also cover the others in NDMC localities?

Killing of Dalits at Jhajjar in Haryana

834. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN: SHRI GAYA SINGH: SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) what are the details of the incident relating to lynching of five Dalits in the Jhajjar area of Haryana; and
- (b) what steps have been taken by Central Government to prevent recurrence of such incidents and to ensure safety amongst Dalits of the area besides punishing the guilty ones?

Schemes for generating wind and solar energy

835. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:

Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of various schemes for generating wind and solar energy in the States especially in the NE Region;
- (b) the magnitude of electricity generated and cost per unit of generating the electricity through the Non-Conventional Energy Sources; and
- (c) how far these schemes have benefited the people of these States?

New technology for disposal of waste

- 836. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTER-JEE: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have come up with any new technology for treatment, processing and disposal of urban and industrial waste;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether it will help improve the wastes management practices besides augmenting decentralized power generation?

Electrification of villages through renewable energy sources

- 837. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government propose to provide power connection to all villages through renewable energy sources to attain sustainable developmental goals; and
- (b) the investments and technology efforts made in this regard?

New locations for tapping of Wind Energy

- 838. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have identified certain new locations to tap Wind Energy;
- (b) if so, details thereof especially name of locations in Orissa; and
- (c) the strategy proposed to be adopted by Government to achieve the target of adding 5,000 M.W. power during the next ten years?

Installation of wind mill operations

- 839. SHRI R. KAMARAJ: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government is aware that Thiruvarur Nagapattinam and Thanjavour Districts are very suitable places for power generation through wind-mill operations;
- (b) if so, whether there is any proposal with Government for installation of windmills in those districts; and
 - (c) if so, the details thereof?

Harnessing tidal energy in Sunderban Delta

- 840. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government propose to harness the natural resources of tidal energy generation of power in the estuarine belt of Sunderban Delta, West Bengal;
- (b) if so, the steps taken by Government so far for generation of power in the remote

islands of Sunderban specially in the Durgaduani Creek, a project of which has been submitted to Government by the State Government of West Bengal; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Electrification of villages in Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan

841. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of villages per district proposed to be electrified during the current year in the State of Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh;
- (b) the details of the targets achieved so far and the number of villages per districts still to be electrified;
- (c) the details of the Budget allocated and the amount of money spent on the same;
- (d) whether Government have also allocated special budget for the maintenance of power stations, sub-stations, transformers, etc. for Rajasthan; and
- (e) if so, the amount allocated for maintenance of the project and the amount spent till now?

Power projects to be set up in Assam

- 842. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of new power projects proposed to be set up during the next two years in the State of Assam;
- (b) the details of funds earmarked for this purpose; and

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

Setting up the power plants in Assam

843. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of power plants set up in the State of Assam during the Ninth Plan;
- (b) the details of power plants proposed to be set up during the Tenth Plan; and
- (c) the details of funds granted and utilised during the Ninth Plan?

Fund for Accelerated Power Development and Reform Programme

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

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are providing funds to the States for the projects under the Accelerated Power Development and Reform Programme;
- (b) if so, the names of the States to which funds have been allotted during the years 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 and the first six month of the year 2002-2003 together with the details of the amount to each of those States; and
- (c) the estimated availability of power to the consumers in those States after the utilisation of the funds?

Use of LPG for generating power by NTPC

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

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that National Thermal Power Corporation is generating power by using LPG as fuel;
- (b) if so, the amount of electricity produced through LPG by the Corporation in 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002;
- (c) the average production cost of the power so generated; and
- (d) how much the production cost is in excess to that of power generated through coal?

Shifting burden of power generation from Thermal Plants to Nuclear Plants

846. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is looking to shift the burden of Power Generation from Thermal Plants to Nuclear Plants;
- (b) if so, how Government intend to create a balance of power generation between the two:
- (c) whether Government realize that both thermal and nuclear plants are dependent on expendable resources; and
- (d) whether any new proposals have been taken into account in the Tenth Five Year Plan to research and find new power generation resources?

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

Setting up a Technology Mission for rural electrification

847. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA: SHRI DINA NATH MISHRA: SHRI HARENDRA SINGH MALIK:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government propose to set up a Technology Mission for rural electrification;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) what are the main purposes of setting up of this mission;
- (d) whether the Mission would aim at development of appropriate technologies that suit rural conditions; and
- (e) to what extent the setting up of a Mission would prove useful?

Impact of gas discovery by Reliance/ NIKO consortium

848. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the gas discovery by the Reliance/NIKO consortium would positively impact the incremental addition to the power generating capacity in the country and whether NTPC and other organisations would be encouraged to opt for gas based power generation; and
- (b) if so, how the discovery of gas reserves will impact on the price of power generated?

Analysing the functioning of SEB's

- 849. SHRI N.K. PREMA-CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have conducted any qualitative analysis of the functioning of State Electricity Boards and norms adopted for such evaluation;
- (b) the classifications assigned to the Kerala State Electricity Board;
- (c) whether Government propose to extend future financial assistance on the basis of classification and if so, the loss likely to be sustained by the Kerala State Electricity Board;
- (d) whether the Kerala State Electricity Board requested to review the classification; and
- (e) if so, the decision taken in the matter?

Assistant to State Governments for rural electrification

- †850. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government had sought information from various State Governments about their rural electrification during the last few years;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the amount allocated to each State for rural electrification during the last three years;
- (d) whether State Governments have demanded additional assistance for meeting the target for rural electrification; and
 - (e) if so, the details thereof?

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

NTPC entering into power distribution

- 851. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the National Thermal Power Corporation has decided to enter in the power distribution business in the country;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has received the proposal from NTPC in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the action taken by Government thereto?

Status of APDRP in Andhra Pradesh

- 852. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have launched the Accelerated Power Development and Reform Programme (APDRP) to assist the States in Power Sector;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the status of APDRP in Andhra Pradesh?

International Conference for energy conservation in Delhi

- 853. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:
- (a) whether an international conference on strategies for energy conservation was held in Delhi recently;
- (b) if so, the strategies devised and recommended for energy conservation; and
 - (c) the action taken to implement them?

Incentives to consumers for saving power

- 854. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:
- (a) the action plan of Government, as announced by the Prime Minister, to conserve 30 per cent power through efficient use:
- (b) whether any kind of incentives will be offered to consumers who help in saving power; and
 - (c) if so, the details thereof?

Improving efficiency in power generation

- 855. SHRI B. J. PANDA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:
- (a) whether global consultant firm Mckinsey and Company has observed that India can save \$12 billion by 2005 by improving efficiency in power generation and removing transmission bottlenecks and distribution breakdowns, as reported in the Financial Express of 26th August, 2002;
- (b) if so, the detailed recommendations made in their report "Creating Momentum for change in India"; and
 - (c) the reaction of Government thereto?

Privatization of power generation and distribution

- 856. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:
- (a) the State-wise power projects in the country which have been privatised so far, for the last three years;
- (b) the State-wise details regarding the privatization of power generation and distribution in the country;

- (c) whether it has enabled States to reduce the power loss in transmission and distribution:
- (d) if so, the State-wise decrease in transmission and distribution losses, for the last two years; and
 - (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Power Projects for Madhya Pradesh

- 857. SHRI KAILASH JOSHI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:
- (a) the number and details of power projects sanctioned by Central Electricity Authority for Madhya Pradesh during the last three years in Public and Private Sectors:
- (b) the details of power projects completed/on going in public and private sectors and by when, the on going projects are likely to be completed; and
- (c) the details of the power projects pending sanction in public and private sectors with reasons for their pendency?

Tariff rates charged by SEB's

858. SHRI KAILASH JOSHI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) the present per unit rates being charged by different State Electricity Boards *vis-a-vis* 1991 for consumption of electricity in domestic, commercial, industrial and agriculture sectors;
- (b) the details and number of times the tariff was revised by the Madhya Pradesh State Electricity Board; and
- (c) whether Government propose to issue guidelines for charging the tariff by the States?

Setting up gas based and thermal power plants in Assam

- 859. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of gas based and thermal power plants proposed to be set up in Assam;
- (b) the steps taken by Government to expedite the completion of these plants in the State; and
- (c) by when these plants are likely to become operational?

Completion of hydro-electric projects

- †860. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have emphasised the need for completing the hydro-electric projects within a period of four years and every possible assistance has been assured by the Ministry in this regard;
- (b) whether any direction has been issued in this regard; and
 - (c) if so, the details thereof?

MoU signed between India and U.K. in power sector reform

- 861. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTER-JEE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:
- (a) whether India and U.K. have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in London to promote power sector reforms;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the extent to which it is likely to augment the power?

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

Unifying programmes for wasteland development

- 862. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKA-RASU: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government propose to bring all of the programmes relating to wasteland development under one umbrella;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the efforts made by Government in this regard;
- (c) whether the task force constituted to examine the private sector participation in the development of wastelands in the country has submitted its report;
- (d) if so, the main recommendations made by the task force; and
- (e) if not, by when the task force has been asked to submit its report?

Land to landless families for housing

- 863. SHRI MANOJ BHATTA-CHARYA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have formulated a plan to allot land on priority basis to the rural landless families for housing:
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the scheme will be funded fully by the Central Government; and
- (d) by when the scheme is expected to be initiated?

Guidelines on SGRY

864. PROF. RAMDEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have issue any guidelines to State Governments on Sampuran Grameen Rozgar Yojana;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that some State Government have requested for its revision;
- (d) if so, the details of their objections; and
- (e) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to ensure the implementation of the guidelines?

Central team to ascertain the functioning of IAY

- 865. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether any Central team has been set up or sent to Tamil Nadu and other States to ascertain the functioning and other aspects of Indira Awas Yojana;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
 - (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Old age pension scheme

- †866. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) the State Governments which are extending old age pension to senior citizens;
- (b) the amount given annually to the senior citizens by each of the State Government;
- (c) the amount given to each State Government under the old age pension scheme by the Government; and
- (d) the State-wise details thereof during the last two years?

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

Habitations in Andhra Pradesh without access to drinking water

- 867. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of habitations in rural Andhra Pradesh which do not have access to drinking water and those not having access to safe drinking water;
 - (b) the district wise details thereof;
- (c) whether Central and State Government have prepared any action plan to provide safe drinking water in all the villages of the State within a time frame;
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

Techniques for water harvesting

868. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTER-JEE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government propose to devise techniques for water harvesting to aid farming;
- (b) if so, the measures taken in this regard;
- (c) the amount expected to be incurred; and
- (d) the funds proposed to be allocated during the Tenth Five Year Plan?

Assistance to Karnataka to revive rural water supply schemes

- 869. SHRI K. B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the Karnataka Government had sought Central assistance of Rs. 80.51 crores to review and rejuvenate rural water supply schemes; and

(b) if so, what is the present status of the above proposal?

Financial assistance for rural development schemes

- 870. SHRI S. S. CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government propose to release financial assistance to State Governments to launch Rural Development Schemes especially in the backward districts of our country; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the funds earmarked for this scheme; Statewise?

Nominating local M.Ps as Chairman of DRDA

- 871. DR. A. K. PATEL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have taken a decision to nominate local Member of Parliament as Chairman of respective District Rural Development Agency (DRDA);
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of Members of Parliament nominated so far as Chairmen of such Committee in each State:
- (d) the time by when the rest of the M.Ps are likely to be nominated as Chairmen of such Committee; and
 - (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Villages in Rajasthan berefit of potable water

- 872. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of villages in Rajasthan which till date are berefit of any potable
- (b) the villages identified on priority basis in consultation with State Government where potable water will be provided in near future: and
- (c) the progress made in this regard so far?

Assistance to Andhra Pradesh under different schemes of rural development

- †873. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) the Central assistance provided to State Government of Andhra Pradesh for different schemes during last three years; and
- (b) the year-wise complete details thereof?

Panchayati Raj Bodies Bill

- 874. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government propose to introduce a Panchayati Raj Bodies Bill soon:
- (b) if so, the salient features thereof; and
- (c) whether the bill is likely to be introduced during the current session of Parliament?

Implementation of PMGSY schemes submitted by Rajasthan

- 875. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 2319 given on August 7, 2002 and state:
- (a) how far the schemes submitted, under the Prime Minister's Gram Sadak Yojana, by Government of Rajasthan, have been approved;
- (b) the estimated cost of the approved schemes, and the funds sanctioned and released for the same; and
- (c) how far schemes proposed by the State Government are likely to be covered by the proposals made by Members of Parliament under Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme?

Rural employment generation scheme

- †876. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have implemented Rural Employment Generation scheme in the country;
- (b) if so, the salient features of this scheme togetherwith the details of the persons benefited through this scheme; and
- (c) whether Government have decided to keep the said scheme operational in the Tenth Plan, if so, the details thereof?

Discrepancy in Government's figures of supply of drinking water

- 877. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
 - (a) whether it was reported by

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Government that only 5 per cent of rural habitation are to be covered under drinking water programme by 2001-02, but surveys hardly support this optimistic picture and on the other hand indicate acute hardship and quality problems in about half of the rural habitation. Are Government aware of this discrepancy in estimations;

- (b) why there is so much of discrepancy between Government records and ground reality;
 - (c) how did this happen;
- (d) have Government taken any steps to know the real situation or to conduct more authentic studies; and
 - (e) if so, the details thereof?

Additional funds for tackling drought in Andhra Pradesh

- 878. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have released additional funds for renovation, restoration, replacement, rejuvenation of existing and defunct drinking water schemes to the State of Andhra Pradesh in the wake of drought conditions in the State;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
 - (c) the results achieved therefrom?

Funds allocated under Jawahar Rozgar Yojana

- 879. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) the State-wise details of amount allocated under the Jawahar Rozgar Yojana to various States during the last three years;
- (b) the State-wise number of beneficiaries during the said period; and

(c) the percentage of achievements under the Jawahar Rozgar Yojana?

Import of silk

- 880. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:
- (a) the quantity of silk imported in the country during the last three years;
- (b) the amount of foreign exchanges spent on the import of silk; and
- (c) the schemes formulated by Government so far to stop the growing import of silk and to produce it in the country?

FDI in Textiles sector

- 881. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:
- (a) the quantum of Direct Foreign Investment in Textile Industry in the country;
- (b) the share of each State in each segment like spinning, weaving, knitwear, apparels, cotton/wool/silk and man-made fibre:
- (c) the targets for next three years, industry-wise; and
- (d) the efforts being made to achieve the targets?

Ban on import of carpet industry for using child labour

- 882. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:
- (a) whether some countries have imposed a ban on the import of products of carpet industry and some other industries where child labour are working;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to deal with the restrictions and to boost up the exports?

Ban on import of Indian clothes by Germany

- 883. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that recently Germany had imposed a ban on the import of Clothes from India in which specific azo dyes harmful to human being were used;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that same clothes are easily available in the Indian markets in plenty; and
- (d) if so, what remedial measures Government propose to take to save the unsuspecting public of the Country from harmful effects of dyes of such clothes?

Closure of cotton mills

- 884. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that many cotton mills in the country are being closed down/facing closure;
- (b) if so, the number of units closed down and the reason therefor; and
 - (c) the number of workers affected?

Export of Jute

- 885. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that the Jute manufacturers Development Council is planning to prepare a five year export strategy with regard to market-specific and ways and means of improving jute exports;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the reasons for decline in jute exports when the other exports are going up; and
- (d) the details of jute exports during the last five years, year-wise?

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