

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 28, 2001/Agrahayana 7, 1923 (Saka)*

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

Total number of questions—141

Setting up of Regulatory Authority for coal

1059. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:
SHRI BHAGAR RAM
MANHAR:

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

(a) whether Government have decided
to set-up a Regulatory authority for coal
mining in the country;

(b) if so, the salient features of the
authority; and

(c) the present status of the proposal and
whether Government propose to invite
foreign companies to invest in India for coal
mining and if so, the details thereof?

Restructuring Coal India Ltd.

1060. SHRI GAYA SINGH:
SHRI NAGENDRA NATH
OJHA:

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

(a) whether Government propose to
restructure Coal India Ltd.; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Availability of chromite in the country

1061. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES
be pleased to state:

(a) the areas where Chromite is available
in the country;

(b) the steps taken for harnessing the
Chromite resources on commercial lines
during the last three years; and

(c) the revenue collected by Government
from the same during the said period?

Exploration of diamonds in Hirakud area of Orissa

1062. SHRI SANTOSH BARGODIA:
Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES
be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the ancient
diamonds mines are existing in Hirakud area
of Orissa and whether Government have
carried out necessary survey in this regard;

(b) whether government has explored
the possibility for commercial mining in the
area; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

GSI surveys of discover precious metals in Andhra Pradesh

1063. SHRI C. RAMACHAND-
RAIAH: Will the Minister of COAL AND
MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the surveys conducted
by the Geological Survey of India (GSI) to
discover diamonds, gold P.G.E. and other
precious metals in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the districts which have been found to have the reserves of these metals;

(c) the estimated quantity of the deposits of the metals in various districts; and

(d) the efforts being made to extract these metals?

FDI proposals in coal and mining sector

1064. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of Foreign Direct Investment proposals are under the consideration of the Government in the coal and mining sectors;

(b) if so, what are those proposals;

(c) the State-wise details thereof;

(d) at what stages these projects are pending; and

(e) the details thereof?

Lignite mining at Neyveli

1065. SHRI S. NIRAIKULATHAN: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of lignite mined at Neyveli in Tamil Nadu each year;

(b) the annual royalty payable to the Government of Tamil Nadu by the Centre;

(c) the balance of royalty on account of lignite mining due to be paid to Tamil Nadu; and

(d) by when this is likely to be paid?

Allocation of Coal to Gujarat State Electricity Board from Kerala Rewa

1066. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA: SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:

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

(a) whether the Coal Linkage Committee has considered the proposal of Gujarat Electricity Board to restore allocation of 50 percent coal from Korea Rewa instead of 31.3 percent;

(b) if not whether the item of Coal Linkage to GEB was put on the agenda of the Committee, meeting every quarter; and

(c) what is the financial implication if the GEB's proposal is accepted by Coal Linkage Committee, both to the Ministry of Coal and to the GEB?

Abolition/lowering of customs duty on aluminium

1067. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Hindalco and Nalco are amongst the lowest cost producers of aluminium in the world;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Customs Duty on Import of Aluminium in India, at 25% basic and 30.8 percent effective, is much higher than prevailing duty in our neighbouring developing countries because of which primary producers in India have deliberately kept their selling prices much higher than international price prevailing at London Metal Exchange; and

(c) if so, the reasons the Ministry of Coal and Mines is not recommending to Finance Ministry for abolition/lowering of customs duty on aluminium to save secondary industry?

General Manager/Directors working in same post for more than three years

†1068. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of different collieries where General Managers and Directors have been

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working at the same post/place for more than three years;

(b) whether Government have formulated any rules for the transfer of such General Managers and Directors;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) by when the General Managers/Directors working at the same place for three years are likely to be transferred by the Government?

Illegal trade of coal

1069. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUK-KARASU: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact illegal trade of Coal causing loss of Crores of Rupees to the exchequer;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some State Government also found in black marketing of Coal; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Union Government against those State Governments?

Rehabilitation Schemes in South Easter Coal Fields Ltd.

1070. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:
SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

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

(a) the number of persons who have been rehabilitated including the oustees for the South-Eastern Coalfields Limited;

(b) the reasons for no rehabilitating them earlier by the South-Eastern Coalfields Limited;

(c) what are the targets fixed by Government to rehabilitate the oustees in a limited time period; and

(d) the names of the officers who have been responsible for not rehabilitating them in South Eastern Coalfields Ltd. and the action taken against each one of them?

Inadequate Security facilities in coal mines

†1071. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that labourers die during mining due to inadequate security facilities in the coal mines;

(b) if not, the number of labourers died in Coal mine accidents during nineties;

(c) the amount spent on security related measures during the abovesaid period?

Impact of lifting of US sanctions on LCA project

1072. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the impact of lifting of US sanctions on India recently on the country's Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) project;

(b) whether any assessment has been made on the extent of delay or any other serious consequences suffered by the project so far;

(c) the present status of the project and its revised targets;

(d) whether our systems software and other equipments which were stuck and were lying unused in the USA have been brought back; and

(e) if not, the time frame fixed therefor?

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Terms set for defence deals by MoD

1073. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the terms set by Ministry of Defence for defence deals;

(b) whether Government have formulated the guidelines for selection of arms agents by foreign companies; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Destroying militant bunkers in J&K

1074. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that militants have made bunkers in Poonch and other districts of J&K;

(b) if so, number of such bunkers and how these bunkers came into existence despite heavy military presence; and

(c) the fresh steps taken by Government to comb the area afresh and destroy all such bunkers as early as possible?

Pilferage of gun shells on route to Jabalpur Ordinance factory

1075. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that gun shells contained in one load of wagon transported from Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh to Jabalpur Ordinance Factory were stolen in the 2nd week of September, 2001;

(b) if so, the details thereon;

(c) whether any enquiry has been instituted; and

(d) if so, what action has been taken against the culprits?

Lack of telephone facility to troops in Siachen

1076. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether solders in Siachen are facing distress on account of lack of adequate telephone facilities to keep them in touch with their families; and

(b) if so, the measures taken for immediate telephone facilities in Siachen for soldiers?

Status of AJT deal

1077. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a high level team consisting of IAF Officers constituted to examine the AJTs have rejected the same;

(b) if so, what are the recommendations of the officials and the reasons for such rejection;

(c) whether it is also a fact the AJTs are not meeting our qualitative requirements; and

(d) if so, the details thereon?

Hovercraft to the Army for patrolling lake in Ladakh

1078. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY 'SIRIGIREDDY':

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether it is a fact that the army has been requesting for a hovercraft to patrol the lake in Ladakh for countering Chinese presence;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when Government are going to provide them with the hovercraft?

Test finief of anti-tank missile-Nag

1079. SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM:
DR. KARAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the "Nag" anti-tank missile was test fired on September 1-2, 2001, from Balasore test range;

(b) if so, the success achieved therein; and

(c) the salient features of the missile?

Full-fledged air base on the Nicobar Islands

1080. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to set up a full-fledged air base on the Nicobar Islands;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) by when the IAF is likely to begin fighter operations from Nicobar Islands Territories?

Shortage of engineers and aviation specialists in IAF

1081. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an

acute shortage of engineers and aviation specialists in Air Force;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government have taken in this regard in view of the global situation?

Offensive measures against militants in Kashmir

1082. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state the details of offensive measures taken/proposed by the Army and other Security agencies to launch a massive anti-militant operation in Kashmir frontier since October, 2001?

Operation Sadbhavana by defence services

1083. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that defence services have carried out Operation Sadbhavana in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, details of the schools covered and the number of students undergoing studies in these schools; and

(c) how much expenditure has been incurred on the Operation?

R&D projects of VRDE

1084. PROF. (SMT.) BHARATI RAY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Vehicle Research and Development Establishment (VRDE) of the Defence Research and Development Organisation carrying out R&D activities on wheeled and tracked vehicles primarily for the Army has completed 19 projects after spending crores of rupees in the last decade;

(b) whether only four of the projects went finally into bulk production and led to a heavy sum of wasteful expenditure; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

Change in Uniform of lady officers of MNS

1085. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the lady officers of Military Nursing Services have requested not to implement the proposal of change in uniform from present olive green trousers and shifts to a knee-length coat and trousers;

(b) if so, the reasons which compelled Government to bring changes in the present uniform of MNS; and

(c) whether Government propose to permit lady army officers of MNS to wear a garment as inner wear beneath their coats?

Capture of military bunkers by terrorists

†1086. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the terrorists have captured those military bunkers which were prepared by the military for the use in emergency at the time of war;

(b) if so, when and how terrorists have captured the bunkers; and

(c) if not, the factual position along-with the reaction of Government on the news published in Hindustan dated 5.9.2001?

Recruitment of soldiers in the Armed Forces

†1087. SHRI A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications received for the recruitment of soldiers in all the three wings of Indian Armed Forces during last two years;

(b) the details thereof statewise; and

(c) the number of recruits out of these applicants?

Underwater telephone by Keltrol

1088. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an underwater telephone is being produced by Keltrol, based on the indigenous design developed by the Naval Physical and Oceanographic Laboratory;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that these sets will be installed in all major Indian Navy ships in a phased manner;

(c) whether any concrete proposals in this regard have been worked out by the Defence Ministry; and

(d) if so, what are the details of the same?

Optimum utilisation of AFHQ employees in the Ministry of Defence

1089. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Committee has been constituted under the chairmanship of Joint Secretary (E) to recommend implementation for the decision of the Group

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of Ministers on optimum utilisation of AFHQ employees in the Ministry of Defence;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the aforesaid Committee was to make its recommendations by 30.9.2001;

(c) whether the Committee has since made its recommendations;

(d) if so, the recommendations made and decisions taken by Government thereon; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor and anticipated time by which the same are to be submitted?

Report of Court of Enquiry regarding disbursement of salary to fictitious employees

1090. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Court of Enquiry set up by Government into disbursement of salary in the name of fictitious employees in 505 Army Base Workshop in Delhi Cantt. has submitted its report;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith action taken in this regard;

(c) the details of amount involved in this episode; and

(d) how Government propose to recover the money?

Maintenance of forts in Gujarat

1091. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) name of organisations/authorities who control and maintain forts in Gujarat;

(b) the authority which controls and maintains the temples constructed inside the forts;

(c) whether any temple inside the forts has been demolished;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether there is encroachment on the forts land; and

(f) if so, the steps taken to evict them from the clutches of unauthorised encroachers?

Ridding defence procurement of corruption

1092. SHRI RAMAMUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has sought the assistance of a German NGO Transparency International to help it combat corruption;

(b) the measures suggested to rid Defence procurement of corruption; and

(c) the action taken to implement them?

Contracts for defence equipments with Israel

1093. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India had signed with Israel contracts worth \$2 billion for Defence equipment's; and

(b) if so, what are the details?

Eqmpping Jaguar with self protection Jammer

1094. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the plan of Air Force to equip the 32 Jaguar fleet with self-protection Jammer, a critical electronic warfare equipment, has been jeopardized even after

an expenditure of Rs. 184 crore affectign the overall operational capacity of Air Force;

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

(c) whether any responsibility has been fixed thereon?

Present stage of development of AJT

1095. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ:
SHRI RAMACHANDRA
KHUNTIA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present stage of development and testing of advance Jet Trainer Aircrafts for Indian Air Force;

(b) when they are likely to be inducted;

(c) what is the total expected funds required and the amount spent so far; and

(d) what will be the main benefits of this AJT to the Indian Air Force?

Defence equipment agents

1096. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Commissions paid to defence agents shall henceforth be reflected in contracts for the purpose of defence equipment;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps Government has so far taken or propose to take to book all the defence equipment agents?

Purchase of low quality spares for planes

1097. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has been purchasing low quality spares for its planes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the purchase of low quality spares have caused mishaps/crash of a number of fighter planes; and

(d) if so, the facts thereof and the steps taken by Government to purchase only good quality spares etc. for the fighter planes?

MIG upgradation programme

1098. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether for MIG upgradation programme, one contract concluded in March, 1996 explicitly stipulated that armament and associated equipment would be new, unused and of current production;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken to get these weapons replaced with new ones?

Norms for foreign investment in defence sector

1099. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the norms prescribed for foreign Investment in the defence sector;

(b) the defence production units which have been identified for expansion with foreign investment; and

(c) the detail of time eschedule fixed therefor?

Proscution of Tehelka for using unconvetional means

1100. SHRI C.P. THIRUNA-VUKKARASU: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any prosecution has been launched against Tehelka for having used unconventional means to bring out truth from the Army Officer; and

(b) if so, under what provision of law they have been prosecuted?

Memorandum of MPs regarding crash of MIG-21 aircrafts

1101. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some MPs had submitted a memorandum stating that over 100 MIG-21 aircrafts have crashed in the last five years and over 50 pilots had been killed and requested the Prime Minister to take interest in the incidence of MIG-21 crashes;

(b) whether an enquiry was held;

(c) if so, what are its findings; and

(d) what action has been taken by Government?

Inclusion of names of Bangladesh nationals in the Census

†1102. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the names of some Bangladeshi nationals have been included in the last census;

(b) if so, whether Government have issued the orders not to include the names of Bangladeshi nationals during this census;

(c) if so, whether these orders have been complied with by census authorities;

(d) if not, whether Government are taking any steps to exclude the names of these people; and

(e) if so, by when and if not, then the reasons therefor?

Delay in disposing of Pension cases to freedom fighters of INA

1103. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMA-CHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a freedom fighter of INA had to fight his case for 28 years to get his pension from the Union Government;

(b) if so, the reasons for such a long delay in disposing of the case;

(c) the details of similar applications pending with the Supreme Court and High Courts State-wise; and

(d) the stage at which the applications are pending?

Influx of refugees into Indian territory

1104 SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:
SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that influx of refugees across the Indian borders have increased drastically during the last three months;

(b) if so, what are the details of refugees entered into Indian territory from Pakistan, Afghanistan and Bangladesh;

(c) what is the estimated cost of expenditure on these refugees incurred by the Government; and

(d) what steps are being taken to deport these refugees to their parent countries?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Improving facilities in Jails in the country

1105. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to the answer to Unstarred Question 1957 given in the Rajya Sabha on 14th March, 2001 and state:

(a) whether Government propose to prepare a scheme for improving the physical facilities in the Jails in the country and implement it;

(b) whether the State Governments have responded to the letter written by the Central Government to take urgent necessary steps for expeditious disposal of cases of undertrials who are languishing in various jails in the country; and

(c) if so, the details action taken by them?

Surrender of Harkat-ul-Mujahideen activists in Assam

1106. DR. KARAN SINGH:
SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of dreaded Harkat-ul-Mujahadeen (HUM) activists have surrendered in Assam and laid down arms, under pressure from religious leaders;

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

(c) whether any further moves have been made are beign made by religious leaders to secure surrender by misguided youth belonging to militant outfits in Assam and Jammu and Kashmir?

Toning up of intelligence mechanism

1107. SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM:
DR. KARAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have plan to tone up intelligence mechanism to counter insurgency and to that end propose to set up a multifacted agency to counter terrorism;

(b) if so, the decision taken in the matter indicating details of the plan; and

(c) the steps since taken in that direction?

Diversion of funds in North-East

1108. SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM:
DR. KARAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he expressed concern over the diversion of Government and foreign funds to separatist forces in the North-East;

(b) if so, whether Government has since instituted a probe into such diversion of Government and foreign funds; and

(c) if so, the outcome thereof?

Insurgent activities in Assam

1109. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTA-CHARJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the new-item "UNEASE IN ASSAM" appearing in the HINDU dated 3.10.2001; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to control the various insurgent activities in Assam so as to ensure law and order in the State?

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Extortion by terrorists in North-East

1110. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the terrorist organisations in North-East are raising huge funds by extortion and are also getting assistance through various illegal channels;

(b) whether Government are also aware that some of the funds received are being deposited in various foreign accounts;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what are the steps being taken by Government to curb these illegal activities?

Ban on honking of horns in Delhi

1111. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether honking of horns by vehicles been banned at the intersections in Delhi;

(b) if so, whether it is being enforced strictly; and

(c) how many motorists were prosecuted in the last six months for this?

Separate Police Personnel for criminal investigations and law and order

1112. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to have separate Police Personnel for criminal investigations and law and order;

(b) if so, when is it likely to be implemented;

(c) whether it will be started as a pilot project in a few places to begin with; and

(d) if so, whether these places have been identified?

Creation of a Department of Border Management in MHA

1113. SHRI P.N. SIVA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Department of Border Management has been set up within the Union Home Ministry;

(b) if so, the parameters, functions and other details of the Department; and

(c) if not, by when such a department is likely to be set up?

IPS officers facing prosecutions for anti terrorist operations in Punjab

1114. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of IPS officers and other police officials facing prosecutions for anti-terrorism operations in Punjab;

(b) how many of these officials are on bail and those detained with their ranks and since when in jail; and

(c) what is the stage of their cases?

Major proposals of Government regarding internal security

1115. SHRI DINA NATH MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are responses of the various State Government's to the major proposals of the Central Government regarding internal security;

(b) what steps are being contemplated by Government in the light of recommendations of Subramanian Committee; and

(c) whether any proposal for modernisation of police administration and

other agencies has been agreed upon by the Central as well as the State Governments?

Growth rate of population in North Eastern States

1116. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA:
SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the growth rate of population in the State of Assam, Tripura, Manipur, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Arunachal Pradesh and Mizoram;

(b) whether the above growth rate suggest that North Eastern States are hotbed for insurgency and infiltration;

(c) what steps Government proposes to identify and deport infiltrators;

(d) what role the respective States play to identify and deport Bangladeshi and Myanmaris; and

(e) whether it is a fact that illegal migrants are threatening cultural linguistic and ethnic identity of local population?

Recommendations of Justice Iyer Committee on Women Prisoners

1117. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Justice Iyer Committee on Women Prisoners has recommended to make it mandatory for each Police Station in the Country to have separate lock up and every prison to have separate cells for women prisoners;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government have taken to implement these recommendations?

Loss of lives due to riots

†1118. SHRI MUNNAVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the loss of lives and property suffered due to riots and terrorist activities in various States of the country during the last three months;

(b) the details of the assistance provided to the affected families by Government; and

(c) the details of the steps being taken by Government to tackle the riots and terrorist activities?

Security threats to VIPs due to anonymous calls

1119. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an anonymous calls at the Head Office of Intelligence Bureau has put the Delhi Police and other investigating agencies on high alert;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps Government have so far taken or propose to take to ensure the security of the VIPs and people in general?

Inter-Ministerial Group to fight terrorism

1120. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have set up a high level Inter-Ministerial Group to fight against terrorism;

(b) if so, the constituents of the Group; and

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(c) the details of the work proposed for the Group?

Terrorist attacks after September 11, is identified in US

1121. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the incidents of terrorist attacks in India after the September 11 attacks on WTC in the US;

(b) the number of terrorists, para-military personnel and civilians died in these attacks, and

(c) the details of concrete steps taken to avert such incidents causing heavy casualties including loss of life?

Banning restaurants with Bar during day time

1122. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have studied the contents of new-item titled "Teenagers cross the liquor bar" appearing in the Hindustan Times South-Delhi Live, dated 29th August, 2001;

(b) whether the restaurants having bar in the capital are allowed to serve liquor to persons below 25 years that too during day time and consequently there is increase in the number of teenagers taking to alcohol; and

(c) if so, whether Government would take constructive steps to ban the working of such restaurants during day time?

Killing in Jammu and Kashmir

1123. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per a recent press report quoting an internal note prepared by the Ministry of Home Affairs, on an average 10 killings are taking place in Jammu and Kashmir daily;

(b) if so, the number of civilians, para-military security personnel, defence personnel killed in the State during January, 1998 to September, 2001;

(c) how many persons have been killed after 11 September, 2001 in Jammu and Kashmir; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to provide security to people in the State?

Baning of militant organisation

1124. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the militant organisations banned by Government;

(b) the reasons for banning those organisation; and

(c) the date since when the ban has been imposed?

Compensation to kith and in of those killed in terrorist violence

1125. DR. DASARI NARAYAA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to make it mandatory to pay compensation to kin and dependents of those who are killed in terrorist violence and those killed in Police firing or riots;

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

Non plan expenditure of Uttaranchal

† 1126. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question 349 in the Rajya Sabha on 18th April, 2001 and state:

- (a) the total non-plan expenditure against the total revenue of the state of Uttaranchal and manner in which the State propose to bridge the gap between these two;
- (b) whether the Central Government have intervened in the division of the public debt and public accounts;
- (c) whether Uttaranchal will have to share the liabilities in proportion to 4.5 percent of its population; and
- (d) the total amount of annual interest calculated on the basis of this percentage?

Kidnapping of a woman in Connaught Place

† 1127. SRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that an incident of kidnapping of a young woman in the car of a police officer happened in Connaught Place area of New Delhi in October, 2001;
- (b) if so, the number of complaints received against Delhi Police personnel between 1997 to October 2001;
- (c) whether Government have taken any stern action against the accused Police personnel?

Probe into funding of terrorist groups

1128. SRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to set a high level inquiry team to probe the funding of all terrorist groups operating in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the terms of reference, composition and tenure of the proposed team; and
- (c) by when the team is likely to submit its findings to the Government?

Contingency plan to deal with emergency situation

1129. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have made any exercise to review the 1979 contingency plan to deal with emergency situation like the one attack following the recent devastating terrorist attacks on the US cities; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

Pension to freedom fighter

† 1130. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are providing pension to freedom fighters at present;
- (b) if so, the amount of pension being paid to each of the freedom fighters, State-wise;
- (c) the details of other facilities being provided to the freedom fighters at present by the Central and State Governments in addition to pension; and

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(d) the number of eldest and youngest freedom fighters amongst them separately and the years since when they are getting pensions alongwith the State-wise details thereof?

Scrapping of ESMA

† 1131. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to scrap Essential Services Maintenance Act (ESMA); if so, the basis of this decision and the reasons therefor; and

(b) the option available with Government to avoid strikes and making the smooth functioning in Government or Public Sectors, hospitals etc. after scrapping the said act?

Influx of Bangladeshi nationals

1132. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "Fresh Bangladeshi influx alarms Government" as reported in the Hindustan Times dated 28th October, 2001;

(b) if so, whether there is a fresh influx of Bangladeshi nationals into some border States recently;

(c) if so, whether the National Security Advisor who recently paid a visit to Dhaka discussed the issue with the leaders of Bangladesh; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Naxalite activities in Orissa

1133. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the increasing naxalite activities in the State Orissa;

(b) if so, the steps taken to ensure safety of the people in the border districts of Gayathic/Malkangiri (Andhra Pradesh Border) and Mayarbhang (West Bengal border) in Orissa State; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

ISI activities on western border

1134. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether smuggling of arms/explosives is being done by ISI on western border;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what other activities of ISI have been noticed; and

(d) the measures being taken to check their activities?

Improved Chulha Programme in rural areas

1135. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETAH: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Improved Chulha Programme is confined to the poorest of the poor only in rural areas;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

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(c) the measures being taken to popularise it among the higher income group people of the villages; and

(d) the details thereof?

Implementation the schemes under non-conventional energy sources

1136. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various schemes under non-conventional energy sources being implemented in Himachal Pradesh under the 9th Five Year Plan;

(b) whether any target have been fixed for their completion;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the measures taken by Government for their timely completion?

Setting up bio-gas plants in Andhra Pradesh

1137. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMA-CHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of bio-gas plants set up in Andhra Pradesh during the 8th and 9th Plan periods;

(b) the target of the plants to be set up during the Plans period;

(c) the number of plants to be set up to meet the requirements; and

(d) the number of plants expected to be set up in Andhra Pradesh during the 10th Five Year Plan?

Generation of non-conventional energy in Andhra Pradesh

1138. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMA-CHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the total at quantity of non-conventional energy being generated in Andhra Pradesh at present during the last three years;

(b) the various types of non-conventional energy projects taken up in Andhra Pradesh and the details of investment in each project during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) the details of subsidy given to Andhra Pradesh for these projects during the last three years, year-wise?

Poor performance of electricity sector

1139. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that the electricity sector has performed well below its target during the last three years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) if so, the performance of this sector during the last three years; and

(d) how Government plan to improve its performance?

Technique to improve power distribution system selected districts

†1140. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have formulated a scheme to bring

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improvement in the Technique of Power distribution system, in selected districts with a view to improve the the power distribution system in the country;

(b) if so, the total number of districts which have been included in the first stage of the above scheme; and

(c) by when power distribution system is to be improved in these districts alongwith the assessment about the percentage of power saving after this improvement?

Power generation by SEB's

1141. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the shortage of power in the country is due to the pitiable financial condition of the State Electricity Boards;

(b) the percentage of power generated by electricity boards in the country, state-wise; and

(c) the distribution losses of the boards annually state-wise for last 3 years?

New Projects of NTPC submitted to CEA for Techno-Economic clearance

†1142. SHRI MUNNAVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NTPC has submitted six new projects of 7430 Megawatt to Central Electricity Authority (CEA) for Techno-Economic clearance;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) when were these projects submitted to CEA by NTPC; and

(d) by when these are likely to be cleared by CEA?

Construction of power plants in Andhra Pradesh

1143. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMA-CHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of power plants under construction in Andhra Pradesh during the last three years;

(b) by when the power plants are expected to be completed, plant-wise;

(c) the details of expenditure incurred so far; and

(d) the funds released by Union Government in this regard?

Gas based power plants in the country

1144. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of gas-based power plants in the country both the State-owned and owned by NTPC;

(b) whether Government have a proposal for the expansion of some of these gas-based power plants;

(c) whether any request has also been made by some State Governments in that regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken thereon?

Augmenting hydel power generation

1145. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Hydel Power generation is just 17 percent of the available potentials;

(b) what is average cost of hydel generation per unit; and

(c) the steps being taken to augment these potentials in full?

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Streamlining the power distribution system

† 1146. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that because of some defects the present power distribution system is divided into various categories;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the problem of power distribution in rural areas is more acute than in the industrial/metropolitan/VIP areas;

(d) if so, details thereof; and

(e) whether Government propose to adopt a concrete policy to prevent its impact on the agriculture and for streamlining the power distribution system in rural areas particularly in respect of the power consumed in agriculture Sector?

Power sector reforms in Himachal Pradesh

1147. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study has been made to take stock of the impact of power sector reforms under implementation in Himachal Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the results achieved so far vis-a-vis cost of power to consumers, especially in backward areas in the State, T&D losses and electricity consumption?

Recommendation of the financial institutions to revive the D.P.P.

1148. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has accepted the recommendations made by the Financial Institutions to revive the Dabhol Power Projects;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether Government have accepted these recommendations; and

(d) if so, the basis on which these have been accepted?

Selling of equity by CMS Energy

1149. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the power projects in the country where CMS Energy has stakes and the capacity of those power plants;

(b) whether CMS Energy has decided to sell all its equity in India;

(c) whether the Ministry are aware of the reasons why the companies like CMS Energy, Enron and AES are quitting India and withdrawing its fundings; and

(d) whether such trends are observed in the other sector also?

F.D.I. in power Sector

1150. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the investment made in Power Sector in each State during last five years;

(b) the additional capacity created in each State during last five years;

(c) the FDI received in each State during the last five years;

(d) the requirement of power in each State; and

(e) how Government propose to meet such requirement?

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**Contract signed with the
M/s Duncansnorth Hydropower
Company for Srinagar Hydropower
Project**

† 1151. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a contract had been signed on 14th June, 2000 with the M/s Duncansnorth Hydropower Company for the construction of Srinagar Hydropower project;

(b) whether as per the contract the said company was to start its work from 1st April, 2001;

(c) whether in case of not starting the work this contract will automatically get cancelled;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) by when the work is likely to started?

**Purchasing of energy meters for rural
electrification**

1152. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank, Japan Bank of International Cooperation (JBIC) and other foreign financial institutions/banks are likely to extend loan to the Indian Government for purchase of energy meters for rural electrification in the country;

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

(c) whether Government is considering to purchase electro mechanical meters instead of electronic meters which are not tamper-proof; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Capacity additions during 8th, 9th
and 10th Plans**

1153. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the targets set for capacity additions during the 8th, 9th and 10th Five Year Plans;

(b) how far these targets were achieved during the 8th and 9th Five Year Plans; and

(c) in view of slippages experienced during 8th and 9th Plan period, what action Government have taken to ensure achievement of target capacity during the 10th Plan?

**Setting up Mega-power projects on
imported coal**

1154. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the Mega Power Projects being set up on imported coal;

(b) the details of the projects;

(c) the estimated cost of each projects;

(d) by when they will be completed;

(e) the agencies through whom this work is being done; and

(f) who will undertake the work of proper distribution?

**Purchasing Power by major
consumers from power generation
units**

1155. SHRI P.N. SIVA:
SHRI R. SARATH KUAMR:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to allow major power consuming

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institutions to purchase power directly from power generation units;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the definition of major power consumers;

(c) whether Government have decided to levy a surcharge on these consumers; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and whether the decision will lead to increase in the power tariff due to which the very purpose of the decision will be defeated?

Work progress of Nimo-Basgo hydel power project in Leh

1156. SHRI KUSHOK THIKSEY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of current status and work progress of Nimo-Basgo Hydel project in Leh district under taken by NHPC;

(b) whether the Ministry is considering connecting Ladakh region of Leh and Kargil district with Northern grid;

(c) whether the Ministry received any request for the same from the state Government; and

(d) if so, what is Government's reaction to the same?

Establishing Hydro electric plants in states

†1157. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal is under consideration to establish Hydro electric plants in various states of the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Power wasted on the occasion of Dussehra

†1158. SHRI GANDHI AZAD: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted by the Department of Power to ascertain the amount and units of power being wasted on the occasion of Dussehra;

(b) whether Government are taking any measures to prevent such wastage; and

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

Setting up electric power station in UP

†1159. SHRI MUNNAVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the places where Electric Power Stations are proposed to be set up in Uttar Pradesh during the next two years;

(b) whether Government will issue directions to ensure the supply of electricity to Muzaffarnagar and Azamgarh districts of Uttar Pradesh;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Cooperation of China in the power sector

1160. SHRI K.M. SAIFULLAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has sought China's cooperation in the power sector in cleaner technologies, equipment manufacturing and information on transmission and distribution network; and

(b) if so, the China's response in this regard?

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Liberalisation of policy for providing power to domestic industries

† 1161. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government are contemplating to liberalise the policy for providing power to the domestic industries;
- (b) if so, whether Government have taken any steps so far in this regard; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Food given under food-for-work programme

1162. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of food given to different states under the Food-work-work programme during the years 2000-2001 and 2001-2002;
- (b) how much food grains were actually utilized each states during the allocated period; and
- (c) how many working days were created by this food-for-work programme during the last summer, the State-wise figures thereof?

Projects for wasteland development

1163. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the total area of wasteland brought under cultivation in the country, state-wise and year-wise figures;
- (b) the number of proposals pending before Government for wasteland development; and

(c) the names of Government and Non-Government agencies who were given these projects state-wise/year-wise therefor?

Non-implementation of Annapurna scheme by some States

1164. PROF. (SHRIMATI) BHARATI RAY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that some States have not implemented Annapurna Scheme so far;
- (b) if so, the names of such States and the reasons therefor;
- (c) what steps are being taken to get the scheme implemented in these States;
- (d) whether Tripura Government had requested the Centre to enhance the monthly quota under the scheme; and
- (e) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto?

Citizens eligible under Annapurna Scheme

1165. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) how many states have identified elderly citizens eligible for distribution of 10kg grains per month at free of cost, under the "Annapura Scheme" and the State-wise number identified so far; and
- (b) since when this scheme has been implemented and quantum of food-grains disbursed per month?

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Action Plan for providing potable water to all by 2004

1166. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of action plan to provide potable water to all by 2004;

(b) the state-wise habitations identified needing potable drinking water; and

(c) the budgetary support proposed to be enhanced for the accelerated rural water supply?

Funds for water harvesting under ARWSP

1167. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any amount has been earmarked for the State Governments for taking up water harvesting scheme under Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme;

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

(c) whether Union Government has issued guidelines on sustainability of drinking water, conservation, rain water harvesting and ground water re-charge;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the reaction of the state Government thereto?

Food-for-Work programme for flood hit farmers in A.P.

1168. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO:

SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether representations have been received to extend the Food-for-Work programme to cover flood-hit farmers in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the action taken in the matter?

Low reach of poverty alleviation programmes

1169. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Poverty Alleviation Programmes under I.R.D.P. projects had improved only one third of the population; and

(b) if so, what steps Government proposes to take to cover the remaining two-thirds of the population, the details thereof?

Consumption of contaminated water by rural people of Karnataka

1170. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 35 per cent of the Rural people in the country are drinking poor quality water contaminated chemically and biologically, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that in many Districts of Karnataka the Rural people are drinking poor quality water which is leading to diseases; and

(c) whether the Karnataka Government has sought financial assistance from the Central Government, if so, the details thereof and the amount released for the year 2000-2001 and 2001-2002?

Penalising States for not holding Panchayat and Zila Parishad elections

1171. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Union Government have recently penalised some States for not holding the elections to Panchayats and Zilla Parishads by not releasing grants; them

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government can penalise the people of a particular State which could not complete the election process due to judicial intervention; and

(d) the fallout if the Government of India withholds funds meant for welfare of the poor for one reason or the other?

Jobs for people in rural areas

1172. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to provide jobs to the people of rural areas in Uttaranchal, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Orissa, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and North Eastern Region States;

(b) if so, the details of Villages in these States where the people have been provided employment opportunities;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

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

Development of rural marketing

1173. SHRI SATISH PRASDHAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering any proposal for the development of rural marketing as well as improvement of rural economy by benefitting small and marginal farmers in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Self-help groups

1174. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many Self-Help Groups are functioning in the country;

(b) how many of them are in Karnataka;

(c) the number of rural poor so far benefitted for these Self-help Groups in Karnataka;

(d) the amount so far released during 2001-2002 in Karnataka for these Self-Help Groups; and

(e) how many new Self-Help Groups are proposed to be set up in Karnataka during 2001-2002?

Implementation of TSC projects

1175. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC) projects being implemented in various districts of the country under the Restructured Central Rural Sanitation Programme, state-wise;

(b) the number of identified pilot districts pending for implementation of these projects during the current year in Maharashtra, Orissa and Rajasthan; and

(c) time by when work on TSC projects in these districts is these districts is likely to be taken up?

**Administrative and financial rights to
Gram Panchayats**

† 1176. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to give rights to the Gram Panchayats for development of roads/water/health/education etc., of rural areas and proper utilisation of resources alongwith providing the funds directly which are being made available to them by the Central/State Governments;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that it is considering to provide administrative rights alongwith financial rights; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Districts covered under Rajiv Gandhi
Drinking Water Mission**

1177. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of districts covered under Rajiv Gandhi Drinking Water Mission and the amount allocated during 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001; and

(b) the number of new villages proposed to be covered in the scheme during 2001-2002 in Karnataka?

**Funds for rural development scheme
to Assam**

1178. SHRI DRUPAD BORDHAIN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for not granting funds for rural development during last year and current year to Assam; and

(b) whether the Ministry has taken steps to grant funds for EAS programmes and for other rural development programmes in recent months to Assam?

**Corruption in implementation of anti-
poverty programmes**

1179. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a large-scale corruption and payoffs to middlemen under various anti-poverty programmes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the measures being taken by Government to ensure clean distribution and implementation of these developmental programmes; and

(d) the details thereof?

**Self-employment of disadvantaged
sections of rural areas**

1180. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan for the rural youth, women, SCs, STs and other disadvantaged section of the rural areas to make them self-employed and wage employable, being implemented or proposed to be implemented by his Ministry; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

73rd Constitution Amendment Act

1181. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of States where the 73rd Constitution Amendment Act 1992 has been extended to their scheduled area;

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(b) whether it is fact that this Act can benefit the grassroot village level more than that of the Sixth Schedule extended in the Scheduled Areas; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

CAPART assistance to rural artisans of North Eastern States

1182. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any plan has been drawn by CAPART for providing financial assistance and training to rural artisans in the North-Eastern States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total amount spent by way of assistance to artisans, so far; and

(d) the criteria for selection of artisans under the schemes?

Declines in export of silk garments

1183. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the exports of the Indian silk garments have declined by 20 per cent during the current financial year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Draw Back and the Duty Entitlement (DEPV) to be provided by Government for promotion of silk exports, have been pending since long;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether it is a fact that the said problem and the unavailability of International market are the main reasons for the decline; and

(f) if so, the steps being taken by Government to maintain the export of silk garments?

Advancing the hearing of NTC by BIFR

1184. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction has agreed to advance the hearing on the matter of Aick National Textile Corporation as requested by the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there are other hurdles in the implementation of N.T.C. revival package; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed for early implementation of revival package?

Meeting of Export Promotion Council to book exports

1185. SHRI K. RAMA MOHAN RAO: SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has convened a meeting in the third week of October, 2001 of export promotion councils in the textile sector to discuss measures to boost exports;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the impact of September 11, terrorists attacks in the US on the Indian textile exports; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to minimise the damage caused to our exports?

Maintaining 90% compulsory Jute packing for foodgrains and sugar

1186. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to maintain 90% compulsory Jute Packing for food-grains and sugar for the Jute year 2001-2002;

(b) if so, the reasons for not notifying the same within a week's time from the date of decision as being the general practice; and

(c) whether Government have taken any action against the officials responsible for the non-issuance of Notification within 7 days period?

Steps taken to cut cost and change product mix in textile industry

1187. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMA-CHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item appearing in the Economic Times dated 6th August, 2001 under the heading "Textile units in a crisis";

(b) if so, whether it has been reported that textile industry should take steps to cut down cost and change the product mix to suit the market requirement; particularly of value-added products;

(c) if so, to what extent the textile industry have taken steps to cut down cost and change the products mix;

(d) what are the suggestions made to the textile industry; and

(e) to what extent textile industry has agreed to implement these suggestions?

Global demand for jute goods

1188. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMA-CHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a global demand for jute goods and it is likely to go up 20 per cent by 2007;

(b) if so, whether any concrete proposals in this regard are being worked out by the Centre to improve the jute goods;

(c) whether it is also a fact that according to the approach paper on the 10th Plan, India could really export 2.5 lakh tonnes of jute goods; and

(d) if so, what are the concrete steps taken by the Centre in this regard?

Imports of Jute Products

1189. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India had now become the largest importer of raw jute and jute products in the world;

(b) if so, the reasons thereby as imports of jute products was 54MT in 1987 and is now 1.40 lac MT;

(c) details of imports year-wise;

(d) whether the imports have increased due to compulsory jute packing provisions, if so, whether Government propose to dilute the same;

(e) whether the imports have hurt the interests of domestic jute growers and workers; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and whether Government's plan to regulate imports?

Enhancing textiles quota with the US

1190. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGI REDDY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken up the issue of enhancing textiles quota with the US;
- (b) if so, the quota limit at present;
- (c) what is Government's estimate about the proposed enhanced quota; and
- (d) the details in this regard?

Setting up crisis cell to tackle export problem of textile industry

1191. SHRI RAMAMUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a crisis cell has been setup to tackle export problems of textile industry effected by the recent terrorist attacks in the US; and
- (b) if so, the measures suggested by them to check the declining trend in textile exports?

Delay in project on Jute diversification

1192. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that India Jute Industries Research Association, delayed a project on Jute diversification by 12 years after incurring expenditure of Rs. 1.34 crore;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) by when the project has been commissioned; and
- (d) if so, where?

Technology Mission on Cotton

1193. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have launched the "Technology Mission on Cotton" with Rs. 600 crores, so as to prepare textile industry to face new challenges;
- (b) the details of work undertaken and factories being setup under this scheme;
- (c) whether Government also propose to set up Technology Missions for jute as well as for "wool" under New National Textile Policy, 2000; and
- (d) if so, by when along with beneficiary allocations made for these Technology Mission during 2001-2002?

Export growth during the current fiscal years

1194. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the textile sector has achieved an export growth during the current fiscal year;
- (b) if so, the achievement during the first six months; and
- (c) what target has been fixed for the full year?

Plight of cotton growers

1195. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of the plight of cotton growers in various parts of the country particularly in Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra, as a result of increased domestic production and at the same time massive imports of cotton;

(b) whether affected States have brought the plight of farmers to the notice of the Government and as a result of which Government would restrict imports of cotton with immediate effect;

(c) if not, the quantum of loss that cotton growers and procurement agencies would suffer; and

(d) the corrective measures being taken and if not, the reasons therefor?

EMAS for export of diversified jute products

1196. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it was decided to restructure the External Market Assistance Scheme for export of diversified jute products;

(b) whether a study on the operation of the EMAS was undertaken;

(c) if so, the outcome of the study and by when the new policy will be formulated; and

(d) the measures taken to assist jute growers?

New scheme for weavers

1197. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have

formulated any new scheme for weavers in the country during the year 2001-2002;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

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

Exports of cotton

1198. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of policy formulated by Government with regard to export of cotton;

(b) whether Government have proposed to grant some financial relief to weavers in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Production of hand-woven cloth

1199. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the production of hand-woven cloth in the country during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) the financial assistance given by Government to encourage Handloom Industries during the said period, year-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to encourage Handloom Industries in tribal areas?

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