

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on

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

Total number of questions—155

Report of the Inter-Ministerial Committee on NER

1184. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the report of the Inter-Ministerial Committee on the North-Eastern States has recommended that the Planning Commission should rationalise the allocation of funds on the basis of poverty ratio between the States;

(b) whether the Centre-Region ratio for the North Eastern Region should be 90:10 against the present ratio of 75:25; and

(c) if so, what are the Government's views on this?

Exemption from budgetary allocation for NER

1185. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) which Ministries have been exempted from obligatory allocation of 10 per cent of their budgets to North Eastern Region;

(b) the total amount in the non-lapsable pool upto 31st March, 2002 and the amount added during the current year; and

(c) the Government's plan for the development of North-East?

Progress of disinvestment in ITDC hotels

1186. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how far the efforts of Government to disinvest for sale or leasing out the hotels run by ITDC has progressed;

(b) the amount of money realised by disinvestment of hotels;

(c) the number of hotels sold out and the amount of money realised through this process; and

(d) the number of hotels which were leased out and on what terms?

Disinvestment of PSUs

1187. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the public sector undertakings in which disinvestment has been effected during the years 2001-2002 and 2002-2003;

(b) the percentage of the equity which has been disinvested in each PSU and total amount collected by Government in each case; and

(c) the proposal being considered for the disinvestment during the current year?

Delay in disinvestment of ITDC

1188. SHRI MOOLCHAND
MEENA:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the disinvestment process of India Tourism Development Corporation has again been delayed;

(b) if so, the main reasons for the same;

(c) whether the State Governments which are equal partners alongwith ITDC are also keen for the disinvestment;

(d) if so, whether the State Governments are reluctant to lease out hotel lands; and

(e) if so, by when a final decision regarding disinvestment process of ITDC is likely to be taken?

Privatisation plan for Air India and Indian Airlines

1189. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA:
Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the privatisation plans for Air India and Indian Airlines have been shelved by Government; and

(b) if so, the reasons for this and the impact it has on the overall Government's disinvestment plans?

Performance of privatised PSUs

1190. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the privatised Public Sector Units have improved their performance after disinvestment;

(b) if so, the current performance of the privatised public sector enterprises in terms of their annual turnover, profit and protected employment; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Utilisation of disinvestment funds

1191. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the purpose for which funds received from disinvestment of ITDC hotels were spent; and

(b) the details of amount spent for rural development, poverty alleviation, modernisation of public sector enterprises and repaying of loans?

Achievement of disinvestment target

1192. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA:
Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that against the Government target for disinvestment of

Rs. 10,000/- crore each for the years 1999-2000 and 2000-2001, the actual achievement were Rs.1829 crore and Rs. 2,125 crore respectively reflecting a huge shortfall in actual receipt;

(b) whether it is really necessary to continue with the disinvestment process in the present economic situation; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

Collection of revenue through disinvestment

1193. SHRI CHO S. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of units in different sectors of the industry where disinvestment has taken place till June, 2002;

(b) the percentage of the equity disinvested and total revenue collected, so far, through disinvestment;

(c) how many more units are in the pipeline for disinvestment;

(d) by when this process of disinvestment will be completed; and

(e) the steps being taken to dispose of loss making units?

Disinvestment of AI and IA

† 1194. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any final outline for disinvestment of Air India and Indian Airlines;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are aware of the reasons for losses by Indian Airlines and Air India;

(d) if so, the reasons for delay in disinvestment of these airlines by Government;

(e) whether Government are aware that losses of these two airlines can be checked after their disinvestment; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Conditions for bidders of SCI Ltd.

1195. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Shipping Corporation of India Ltd. will be handed over to private management by this September;

(b) if so, the conditions set by his Ministry for both domestic and foreign bidders; and

(c) the details of the annual turnover, profit/loss of the company for the last three years?

Vacancies of doctors and nurses in States

1196. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the posts of health professionals including doctors and nurses are lying vacant in many States;

(b) if so, whether Government have sought any explanation from the State Governments on this issue; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Financial assistance to hospitals

1197. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the financial assistance granted by Government for hospitals in the country during the last three years;

(b) whether Government have issued necessary instructions to private hospitals for providing medical treatment to poor in these hospitals; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Upgradation of Government hospitals in Rajasthan

1198. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plan to upgrade the Government hospitals in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that many of the medical equipments in such hospitals need replacement; and

(d) if so, the status of the same in each hospital?

Recognition to St. Stephen Hospital under CGHS

1199. SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether St. Stephen Hospital, Tis Hazari, Delhi was a CGHS recognised Hospital till September, 2001;

(b) whether Government have recognised some Hospitals in the recent past and withdrawn the recognition of St. Stephen Hospital;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government are aware that a large number of CGHS beneficiaries residing around the Hospital are facing inconvenience; and

(e) whether Government propose to reconsider their decision to include the name of St. Stephen Hospital in the list of CGHS recognised hospitals?

Maternal and infant mortality rate in Andhra Pradesh

1200. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified the blocks in Andhra Pradesh where Maternal and infant mortality rate is quite high;

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

(c) the remedial measures Government have taken to bring down maternal and infant mortality rate in such areas of the State?

Haemophilia disorder

1201. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to WHO 80 per cent of the people above the age of 18 suffering from Haemophilia disorder run the risk of contracting AIDS;

(b) whether Government have taken note of this report;

(c) if so, the action taken on the same;

(d) whether Government have taken any steps to reduce the cost of anti-Haemophilic factor, which costs Rs. 5,000 per dose;

- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Upgradation of Vaccine Institute,
Belgaum**

1202. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) how many Vaccine Institutes producing Tissue Culture Anti Rabies Vaccine (TCARV) are functioning in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that Neural Tissue Anti Rabies Vaccine (NTARV) produced in the Vaccine Institute, Belgaum has been banned by W.H.O. and the Supreme Court; and

(c) if so, whether Government are planning to upgrade the Vaccine Institute, Belgaum, Karnataka, for the production of safe and effective vaccine?

New Health Policy

1203. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have announced New Health Policy, 2002, recently;

(b) if so, the major highlights of the said policy and its main thrust;

(c) whether it is a fact that the policy has been criticised in some quarters as just another step towards privatisation without ensuring delivery and corresponding gains; and

(d) if so, Government's reaction thereon?

**Programmes undertaken on World
Population Day**

1204. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the new programmes undertaken by Government on World Population Day, on 11th July, 2002; and

(b) the target fixed, if any, to keep the population under check in the country?

**Sixth Inter-Governmental Negotiating
Committee meeting in Geneva**

1205. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Sixth Inter-Governmental Negotiating Committee meeting on the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants was held in Geneva, recently;

(b) if so, the details of the issues discussed and the outcome thereof;

(c) whether these environmental organisations had protested against the waste incineration systems and urged the respective Governments to put a stop to this practice and move towards sustainable waste management system;

(d) if so, the reaction of Government in this matter; and

(e) the steps taken to phase out all forms of waste incineration and to promote clean production, zero waste and sustainable discard management systems?

Reduction in health allocation

1206. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central allocation for health is getting reduced, when

the major cause of mortality in India is infectious disease;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) Government's allocation for various Communicable Disease Control Programmes in the country; and

(d) the National Disease Control Programmes for which Government get external funds alongwith the amount for the last three years, programme-wise?

Expenditure on health in NER

1207. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of percentage of expenditure being made by Government on health in the North Eastern Region;

(b) the reasons for decline in the percentage of expenditure on health in NER during the last three years; and

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

Target fixed for Family Planning Programme

† 1208. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the target fixed for the year 2002-2003 for the Family Planning Programme; and

(b) the progress made by Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, West Bengal and Assam with regard to the target fixed for the year 2001-2002?

Running of Medical Colleges by hospitals owned by PSUs

1209. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under the present rules no hospital owned by a PSU can run a medical college despite the fact that the PSU desires to make such arrangements with private party;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government will consider to review the present policy?

Upgradation of contraceptives and sterilization in Rajasthan

1210. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new programmes and schemes are being introduced to upgrade contraceptives and sterilization in the State of Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government also plan to effectively educate the urban and rural people in Rajasthan about these programmes?

Indian Medical Council (Professional Conduct, Etiquette and Ethics) Regulations 2002

1211. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently issued the Indian Medical council (Professional Conduct, Etiquette and Ethics) Regulations 2002;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the details thereof and the main purpose thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Medical Councils thereto?

Malaria cases in Karnataka

1212. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Malaria cases are increasing in the State of Karnataka during the year 2001-2002;

(b) if so, the details of Malaria cases reported in the State for the year 2000-2001 and 2001-2002, district-wise; and

(c) the schemes introduced to tackle the problem and the amount released to Karnataka by Government for the last three years along with details?

Condition of PHCs in UP

† 1213. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in spite of all efforts made by Government the primary health condition has become worse in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether Government are aware that neither the doctors are regularly available at Primary Health Centres of Sultanpur District in the State especially at Kurebhar Primary Health Centre nor the Medicines supplied to these centres are distributed to the patients and irregularities are taking place in various disease eradication programmes of Government; and

(c) the concrete steps to be taken by Government to improve the situation?

Hospitals on the pattern of AIIMS in States

1214. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that even a hospital like AIIMS is not able to take the entire medical care of the patients;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the patients are either asked to wait for a long time for investigation or go for private clinics; and

(c) whether Government have any proposal to have at least one hospital in all State headquarters on the pattern of AIIMS?

Spread of Hepatitis-B

1215. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Hepatitis-B is spreading in the country at an alarming rate;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the use of daily items can even spread Hepatitis-B, as reported in the Times of India, dated 14th June, 2002;

(d) if so, whether Government have formulated any plans to check the spread of this disease; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Amount allocated for NPCB

1216. SHRI M. V. RAJASHEKHARAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated to various States since 1998 to till date on National Programme for Control of Blindness;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) whether it is a fact that Government of Karnataka has requested Government to establish a Regional Institute of Ophthalmology in northern part of Karnataka; and

(c) if so, the action taken in this regard?

Mismanagement in AIIMS

† 1217. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have come across the news-items published frequently regarding mismanagement in AIIMS and misbehaviour with the patients;

(b) whether some patients were to go on hunger strike from 15th July, 2002; if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken, so far, or proposed to be taken by Government to take action against the employees responsible for this kind of extreme mismanagement in AIIMS and for providing un-impaired treatment to the patients?

Implementation of Rent-a-Womb Law

1218. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the highlights/features of the Rent-a-Womb Law;

(b) whether Government have come across any hurdles in its implementation; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to overcome the same?

Ill-effects of excessive use of mobile phones

† 1219. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to conduct a survey with regard to ill-effects of excessive use of mobile phones on the health of common man;

(b) if so, by when, and

(c) if not, Government's reaction in this regard?

Deaths due to TB

1220. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that nearly half a million people die due to Tuberculosis in the country every year;

(b) if so, the share of Andhra Pradesh in this death toll during the last three years;

(c) the Central funds released to Andhra Pradesh for Tuberculosis control during the last three years; and

(d) the results achieved by the State in controlling Tuberculosis in the State, so far?

Anti-cancer drug

1221. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Dr. Reddy's anti-cancer drug trials successful", which appeared in the Asian Age, dated 14th May, 2002;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(c) what further action is to be taken to market the drug on a commercial scale?

Ban on smoking in Delhi

1222. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that ban on smoking at public places in Delhi which is in vogue for the last five years, has been ineffective; and

(b) if so, the effective steps proposed to be taken to make the ban a success?

Child mortality

† 1223. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that decline in child mortality rate in the country has stopped;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) the target fixed by Government for the current financial year; and

(d) the steps Government have taken to achieve the target?

Child mortality rate

1224. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Child mortality rate worrisome, says Advani", which appeared in the Hindustan Times, dated 12th April, 2002;

(b) if so, the proposals of Government to lower the child mortality rate;

(c) the child mortality rate in other countries; and

(d) the child mortality rate in slums of metropolis of the country?

Assistance for strengthening Mother and Child Health Programme

1225. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of assistance received from Japan International Cooperative Agency for strengthening the Mother and Child Health Programme in various States;

(b) whether it is a fact that some States have requested for their inclusion in the list of States being considered for fresh sanctions under the programme; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard?

Maternal and infant mortality rate

† 1226. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the maternal and infant mortality rate during the last two years;

(b) whether it is a fact that there has been an increase in the average maternal and infant mortality rate during these two years;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government and State Governments with mutual co-operation to reduce the mortality rate during the next two years?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Institutes conducting research in medicines

1227. SHRI C. O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Government-run institutes in the country engaged in conducting research in medicines;
- (b) the amount allocated for the purpose during the last five years;
- (c) the number of medicines developed by the scientists, so far; and
- (d) the details of the original medical product patents?

Use of Amla as Ayurvedic Medicine

1228. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:
SHRI BHAGATRAM
MANHAR:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Amla is cultivated and used as Ayurvedic medicine;
- (b) whether Government are providing financial grants to those who cultivate this Ayurvedic medicine;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether National Medicinal Plants Board is conducting detailed research on Amla; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Opening of Ayurvedic College in Rajasthan

1229. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government propose to open any Ayurvedic College in Rajasthan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) by when the college would be started?

Check on Pharmaceutical firms

† 1230. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that pharmaceutical firms allure the doctors and offer them gifts for prescribing their medicines;
- (b) if so, whether Government are considering to take any special steps to keep a check on it;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and by when; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Male technicians in Safdarjung Hospital

1231. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware that in Safdarjung Hospital, many technicians *e.g.*, screening, X-ray, Ultrasound etc., are male who undertake the tests for both male and female patients and females have to undress before such male technicians thereby subjecting them to traumatic embarrassment; and
- (b) if so, the steps taken/contemplated to put a stop to this practice?

Medical treatment for retired officers in CGHS recognised hospitals

1232. SHRI KAILASH JOSHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government propose to allow the retired class-I officers to go direct for medical treatment in CGHS recognised hospitals in view of the difficulties being faced by them;

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

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

High infant mortality rate

1233. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for high infant mortality rate of seventy per cent in India after so much of achievements in the field of medical science; and

(b) Government's plan to reduce the IMR in the country particularly in Assam?

CGHS dispensaries in Orissa

1234. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that CGHS cardholders are not getting proper treatment as there are not adequate dispensaries and recognised hospitals in all States;

(b) the total number of cardholders, dispensaries and recognised hospitals in Orissa; and

(c) whether the Kalinga Hospital, Bhubaneswar, ESI Hospitals namely, Bhubaneswar, Chourda, Rourkela, Raigarh, Brjanagar are also included in CGHS list of recognised hospitals?

Increase in population

1235. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the population in India is still increasing at an alarming rate;

(b) if so, whether Government contemplate taking any harsh measures to control birth rate in the country;

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

(d) the amount of money spent for the control of population during the last three years and whether results achieved commensurate with the money spent; and

(e) the amount of money earmarked for sterilization during current year and the number of sterilization operations anticipated?

Meeting of the Governing Body of NIH

1236. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the meeting of the governing body of the National Institute of Homoeopathy is being held regularly;

(b) if so, when the last meeting took place and what was the attendance of the Governing Body members; and

(c) whether all the decisions including bulk expenditure are unanimously taken in the governing body meeting?

Grants to improve sex ratio

1237. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Punjab is proposed to be given a special fund to formulate a plan to check the imbalance in sex ratio due to rising female foeticide in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of other States to whom such grant to improve sex ratio is proposed to be given?

Racket of Kidney transplant in Kerala

1238. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether private hospitals in Kozhikode and Ernakulam are involved in the racket of Kidney transplant by luring poor tribals;

(b) if so, the number of such cases reported during the last one year; and

(c) the action proposed to stop such racket?

National Population Fund

1239. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the controlling authority of the National Population Fund has not been finalised so far; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

Free drugs to TB patients in Delhi

1240. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have launched a scheme in Delhi to provide free drugs to T.B. patients even if they are getting treatment from private practitioners;

(b) if so, whether Government have issued any guidelines to be followed by the private practitioners; and

(c) the other details in this regard?

Tele Medicine Technology

1241. SHRI H. K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to provide the services of experts located in Metropolis and big cities to the patients located in small towns and rural areas through Tele-Medicine Technology;

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

(c) whether Government propose to establish a Tele-Medicine Technology centre in Karnataka;

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Report of Pay Anomaly Committee of Dr. RML Hospital

† 1242. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had constituted a Committee in 1997 to remove anomaly in fixation of pay scale of Accountants working in Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital who are senior to Head Clerks but getting lower pay than the Head clerks; and

(b) if so, the details of report submitted by the said Committee?

Inspection of CGHS Dispensaries

1243. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a high-level Central Task Force team has recently conducted inspections in several CGHS Dispensaries in the Capital and found several bottlenecks;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the functioning of CGHS Dispensaries is deteriorating day by day on several counts;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the concrete steps taken by Government to improve the functioning of CGHS Dispensaries in the country?

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Ban on admissions in medical and dental colleges

† 1244. SHRI HARENDRA SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have imposed ban on admissions from new session in 76 medical and dental colleges in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of seats of M.B.B.S. and B.D.S. likely to decrease due to imposition of ban on the said colleges; and

(d) the measures being taken by Government to meet the shortage of seats?

Dumping of medical waste in city's garbage bins

1245. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Medical waste of 4000 units goes into bins", which appeared in 'The Times of India' dated 6th July, 2002;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the steps proposed to prevent dumping of such huge untreated bio-medical waste in the city's municipal garbage bins posing a serious health hazard?

Fake drug industry

1246. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Delhi is the transit point for the thriving Rs. 1500 crore fake drug industry with the

drugs being produced mostly on the outskirts of the Capital and in Haryana and U.P.;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how many times the Drug Controllers have raided the premises of such companies and showrooms of various traders/suppliers in Bhagirath Palace, Delhi, during the last two years and how many manufacturers and traders have been arrested during that period for selling spurious drugs?

Sanction of Agartala Government Medical College

1247. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Tripura had put forward a proposal for sanction of Agartala Government Medical College;

(b) if so, the reason for not according sanction so far by Medical Council of India; and

(c) the effective steps proposed to be initiated by Government to set-up the Medical College in the far remote State of Tripura?

Increase in Polio cases

† 1248. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of polio cases which came to light in the country during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that cases of diseases like polio are increasing instead of decreasing despite pulse polio drive launched throughout the country; and

(c) if so, the concrete steps Government are taking to prevent it?

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Allocation to Andhra Pradesh under major Health Programmes

1249. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that allocation of funds to Andhra Pradesh under major Health Programmes is constantly decreasing in the last few years;

(b) if so, the details of the allocation made to the State during last four years, year-wise and reasons for reducing the allocation instead of increasing it on yearly basis; and

(c) the remedial measures Government propose to take in this regard so that health sector of Andhra Pradesh does not suffer?

Assault on doctors/nurses by relatives of patients

1250. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the incidents of manhandling/assault on doctors/nurses by relatives of patients are on increase forcing the doctors to go on strike in Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital in Delhi;

(b) if so, the number of such cases during the last two years, year-wise; and

(c) the remedial measures adopted by Government in this regard?

Effects of pesticides and chemicals on food-chain

1251. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any systematic studies have been conducted on the harmful effects of pesticides and chemicals on food-chain and human health in India;

(b) whether it is a fact that experts have pointed out harmful effects of certain pesticides and chemicals;

(c) if so, remedial measures taken by Government; and

(d) whether Government propose to conduct a detailed study?

State of medical research

1252. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that medical research has come almost to a stand-still in various institutions in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken in this regard so as to remove the bottlenecks impeding the level of medical research in the country?

Construction of CGHS dispensary in Ashok Vihar

1253. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) had procured a plot for construction of dispensary in Ashok Vihar, Phase-I, New Delhi about ten years back;

(b) if so, the reasons for delay in construction of the dispensary on the said plot; and

(c) by when the construction of dispensary will commence?

National anti-Malaria Programme

1254. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated under National anti-Malaria Programme since 1996-97 till date, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) whether Government are aware that his Ministry has reduced its assistance drastically to the State of Karnataka;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government of Karnataka has requested Government to reimburse 50 per cent of expenses incurred by the State on non-salary portion or an equal amount in the form of supplying medical equipment; and

(e) if so, the action taken in this regard?

Features of New Health Policy

1255. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the new Health Policy envisages injection of more funds in the health sector;

(b) the present rate of GDP that Government are spending in health sector;

(c) the proposed rate of GDP that Government are thinking of infusing in the health sector;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the policy also envisages enforcement of two-years rural posting before a MBBS student gets his degree;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Amendment in the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act

1256. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to amend the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act to include a clause on genetically modified food;

(b) whether our laboratories are fully equipped to test the genetically modified foods for safety certification; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard?

WHO permission for manufacturing herbal drugs

1257. DR. A. K. PATEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Herbal Industry is awaiting a decision from World Health Organisation for manufacturing certain drugs;

(b) if so, whether such a permission is mandatory and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Western countries have been conducting extensive research on Indian herbs; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Committee on Population Policy

1258. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set-up a Committee to help State Governments to devise population policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the objectives proposed to be achieved by the Committee?

News-item, "Doctors Stole my Kidney, says BSF man"

1259. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Doctors stole my kidney, says BSF man", which appeared in The Hindustan Times (Kolkata), dated the 15th June, 2002;

(b) whether it is a fact that such complaints off and on appear in media;

(c) whether Government have probed into the complaints; and

(d) if so, how many offenders have been punished?

Treatment in CGHS approved Private Hospitals

1260. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain private hospitals have been approved for the treatment of CGHS beneficiaries;

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

(c) whether the patients can approach the approved hospitals directly without being referred by the CGHS Dispensaries;

(d) whether the doctors in Ayurvedic and other alternate systems of medicine under CGHS can also refer their patients to such approved private Allopathic hospitals;

(e) whether any order in this regard has been/proposed to be issued; and

(f) if replies to parts (c) to (e) be in the negative, the reasons therefor?

Hepatitis eradication Campaign

† 1261. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the date of inauguration of Hepatitis eradication campaign by Prime Minister;

(b) the names of places selected for Hepatitis B vaccination during the current financial year and the basis of such selection;

(c) the number of cities, out of total number of selected cities, where State Governments/various Institutions have already started Hepatitis B vaccination campaign; and

(d) the total estimated number of Hepatitis B patients in the country along-with the names of the places where such patients are more?

Measures to tackle diarrhoea during peak period

1262. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state the measures Government propose to tackle the problem of diarrhoea during the peak period from May-August, 2002?

Survey regarding AIDS-affected people

† 1263. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of surveys made, so far to find out the AIDS-affected people in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that the number of AIDS-affected people is increasing every year;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

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(d) the efforts made, so far, to prevent this dangerous disease and to promote the awareness among the people about this disease and the progress made in this regard?

Transfer policy in Government hospitals

† 1264. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the present transfer policy in respect of the doctors and Group 'B', 'C' and 'D' staff working in various Government hospitals in Delhi;

(b) the steps being taken by Government to transfer the staff from one hospital to another with a view to removing the monopoly of staff posted in a particular hospital; and;

(c) by when Government would transfer such staff from one hospital to another who have been working for the last ten, fifteen or twenty years in a particular hospital?

Performance of CPSUs

1265. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Comptroller and Auditor General of India has painted a dismal picture of the performance of Central Public Sector Undertakings;

(b) if so, whether according to the CAG report, only 142 companies of the 368 under its audit jurisdiction earned profit during the year 2000-2001;

(c) whether according to the report, 115 PSUs suffered losses;

(d) if so, the main reasons for their losses;

(e) whether Government have considered the CAG's observations on PSUs; and

(f) if so, the action taken in regard to these PSUs?

Closure of PSUs

1266. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the Public Sector Undertakings closed down during the year 2001-2002 and 2002-2003;

(b) the number of workers rendered unemployed thereby;

(c) whether they were paid their outstanding wages and other statutory dues and compensation as a result of the closure; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Agreements between BHEL and Oil Companies

1267. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bharat Heavy Industries Ltd. (BHEL) is targeting business in oil sector and contemplating to enter operation and maintenance of power plants;

(b) if so, the details of the agreements entered into with oil concerns and the amount of business they are likely to get from these concerns in the next few years;

(c) whether the company has supplied oil rigs to various oil companies across the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) how many gas turbines the company has, so far, supplied both to domestic and foreign concerns with profit earned out of that?

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

News-item "Privatised company in dire straits"

1268. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Privatised Company in dire straits", which appeared in The Times of India, dated 22nd June, 2002 regarding Lagan Jute Machinery Company where Government have still a share of 26 per cent after disinvestment;

(b) if so, whether the company still faces threat of closure as reported; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and if not, the present viability of the Company after disinvestment?

VRS in PSUs

1269. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI V. V. RAGHAVAN:

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

(a) the Public Sector Undertakings which had offered Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS) during the year 2000-2001, 2001-2002 and 2002-2003;

(b) the terms of the VRS adopted; and

(c) the number of workers opted for VRS in each case and the total amount of VRS benefit disbursed by each PSU during the period?

Revival scheme for National Instruments Ltd.

1270. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the revival scheme sanctioned in 1999 by BIFR for National Instruments Ltd.;

(b) whether the scheme has been declared as "failed" and a show cause notice of winding up issued by BIFR;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether workers of the company are not getting salaries since December, 2001;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor and the action to liquidate their dues; and

(f) if not, the actual status of statutory dues, payable to the workers?

Review of Navratna status of PSEs

1271. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to review Navratna status of public sector enterprises which had become due since 1997;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(c) the details of the new scheme?

Regional language news in Oriya on DD-I

1272. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the regional language news in Oriya on DD-I is being telecast only once everyday against three to five times in other regional languages; and

(b) whether Government propose to telecast at least three times news in Oriya regional language on DD-I?

**Non-payment of wages to workers in
CPC**

1273. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTA-CHARJEE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that casual staff working in Central Production Centre, particularly Floor Assistants, have not been paid their wages/remuneration since April, 2002;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof;

(c) the steps proposed/taken for ensuring regular payment to those low paid workers immediately on completion of their contract; and

(d) the likely date by which the payments due to these employees will be made?

FDI in print media

1274. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since decided to allow Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in print media against the recommendations of the Standing Committee of Information Technology as also against the decision of Government in early 50s;

(b) if so, the compelling reasons therefor;

(c) whether the limit of FDI will be raised in print media as it happened in banking sector where initially 20 per cent was allowed in May 2001, but after nine months it was raised to 49 per cent; and

(d) if so, what safeguards Government have taken to ensure that the print media is not influenced by foreign magnets?

Payment for TV channels

1275. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are taking any steps to ensure that the viewers pay for only the channels of their choice and not the ones that they do not usually watch;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government propose to introduce a modulator box for the convenience of such viewers; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Demand of United Forum of Prasar
Bharati employees**

† 1276. SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prasar Bharati Management has received Memoranda from the United Forum of Prasar Bharati Employees regarding various problems of A.I.R. and Doordarshan employees;

(b) if so, the main demands of the Forum and the action taken thereon;

(c) whether a number of letters from the Forum has been received by Prasar Bharati Management in which they have sought time to meet the Chairman of the Board; and

(d) if so, the action taken in this regard and whether her Ministry would intervene in this matter?

**Public interest advertisement slots
on DD**

1277. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

advertisement slots of public interest on DD have declined;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the percentage of monthly advertisement slots of public interest as compared to commercial advertisements; and

(d) the steps taken to emphasise the need to control population and family welfare through Delhi Doordarshan?

Violation of rules by cable operators in Rohini, Delhi

1278. SHRIMATI GURCHARAN KAUR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cable T.V. Operators in Rohini, Delhi are registered, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether these service providers are serving a large number of households but the number of connections reported by them is very small thereby making illegal profit at the expense of poor consumers;

(c) the factual position in this regard;

(d) the remedies available under the Act/ Rules for checking such under-reporting; and

(e) the action proposed against the said operators for violation of the norms?

Irregularities in dealings of Doordarshan

†1279. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Comptroller and Auditor General of India has mentioned about severe

irregularities in the dealings of Doordarshan in its report for the financial year ending March, 2000;

(b) if so, the details of the irregularities and financial loss incurred by the Institution as a result thereof; and

(c) the names of the officers responsible for these irregularities?

Illegal radio stations in Orissa

1280. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of illegal radio stations have been unearthed in the State of Orissa;

(b) if so, whether police have identified Banipal, Jambu and Batighar villages in Kendrapara district and Harishpur and Kainthakola near Dhamra in Bhadrak district from where programmes in Oriya and Bengali were being broadcast within a radius of five to ten Kms;

(c) whether these broadcasts were made very close to the Wheeler Group of Islands where a very sensitive defence installation is located; and

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

Decision on FDI in print media

1281. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:
Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently decided about Foreign Direct Investment in the print media;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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(c) whether the matter was discussed with the leaders of various political parties particularly the opposition before arriving at this decision which has serious implications;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Electronic media coverage of Cabinet reshuffle

1282. SHRI KARTAR SINGH DUGGAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of days, bulletins and the quantum of time devoted by the electronic media to conjectures regarding the Union Cabinet reshuffle that finally took place on July 1, evening; and

(b) the reasons that the electronic media chose to follow the print media in such wasteful practices?

Competition due to FDI in print media

† 1283. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the possible competition between domestic and foreign newspapers due to their decision of allowing FDI in print media; and

(b) if so, the measures taken to check such competition and keep the existence of domestic newspapers intact?

SAG officers in DD/AIR

1284. SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts of officers in Senior Administrative Grade and above sanctioned in the subordinate offices of Akashvani and Doordarshan;

(b) whether much before implementing the recommendations of the Pay Commission, the Ministry of Personnel has issued directives to provide Stenographers of the level of Private Secretary to these officers;

(c) if so, whether the directives have been implemented in subordinate offices of Akashvani/Doordarshan;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps being taken to implement the directives fully?

Advertisements of liquor companies

1285. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that some liquor companies are advertising their products under different garb such as apple juice;

(b) whether the companies have been identified; and

(c) if so, the action taken against the companies and the channels showing them?

Vacancies in STS cadre

1286. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are 31 vacancies in the STS cadre for STs despite the availability of a number of eligible officers in the Junior Time Scale (JTS) of IB (E)S;

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- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the action taken against those responsible for the delay; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Proposal for digital technology in
Bangalore DD centre**

1287. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to introduce digital technology in the Bangalore Doordarshan Kendra;
- (b) if so, by when it will be introduced; and
- (c) the advantages of having the digital technology?

**Selection of Jury members for National
Film Awards**

1288. SHRI M.V. RAJASHEKHARAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) the list of members of the Screening Committee for National Film Awards for the year 2002-2003;
- (b) whether it is a fact that Selection Committee does not have a Kannada knowing Member and Kannada movies are judged through an Interpreter; and
- (c) the criteria for selection of Jury members for National Film Awards?

Prasar Bharati Sports Channel

1289. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Prasar Bharati Sports Channel has bleak future and its TRP rating is lowering day-by-day;

- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of the revenue generated through advertisements by the channel since its inception, year-wise; and
- (d) the measures to be adopted to meet the competition from other sports channels?

**Selection of Anchor-cum-News
Readers for DD News**

† 1290. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Prasar Bharati got 21 Anchor-cum-News Readers selected from a private company for Doordarshan News;
- (b) whether the reservation policy relating to SCs/STs and OBCs has been followed in their selection;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the persons responsible for violation of Government's policy and the action proposed to be taken against them and the manner in which reservation will be fulfilled?

**Programmes and advertisements
on TV**

† 1291. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that various cable T.V. Channels and Doordarshan, on the one hand are telecasting such advertisements and programmes which are luring the children and on the other they are giving preference

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to the programmes which are detrimental to Indian culture and propagating western culture;

(b) if so, whether Government would frame any law which could put a curb on such programmes; and

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

Transmission of programmes by AIR, Trichur

1292. SHRI N. K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a popular programme titled "Vardhamanam" transmitted by All India Radio, Trichur Station in Kerala has been stopped;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the said programme has violated the guidelines and code of AIR;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether Prasar Bharati Corporation will review its decision so as to start the programme again?

Increase in the number of Judges in Chennai High Court

1293. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to increase the number of Judges in the Chennai High Court considering the number of pending cases in the High Court;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Menace of defection

1294. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:

SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:

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

(a) whether Government have decided to amend the 10th Schedule of the Constitution to tackle the menace of defection in the country;

(b) whether gross misuse of the provision is found to be rampant in small States;

(c) if so, whether Government have received the comments of all the political parties in this regard; and

(d) if so, by when final decision for amending the 10th Schedule of the Constitution is likely to be taken?

Pendency of cases in Karnataka

1295. SHRI H. K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the disposal of cases under 125 Cr. PC. are taking long time;

(b) if so, the details of cases pending in the courts of Karnataka for the last three years under section 125 Cr. PC. year-wise and district-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that the amount fixed under this section is too meagre;

(d) if so, the steps Government propose to take in this regard?

Fast track court scheme

1296. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the month of May, 2002,

the Supreme Court upheld the validity of its fast-track court scheme aimed at substantially reducing the pendency of a whooping over two crore cases in the lower courts;

(b) if so, the total fast-track courts at present functioning in the States;

(c) how many of them have already cleared the cases; and

(d) to what extent the fast-track court scheme has reduced the arrears in lower courts in the country?

Disposal of pending cases in High Courts

1297. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than five lakh cases are pending before the High Courts for more than a decade; and

(b) if so, the action taken to reduce the period of trial and burden on the parties for early disposal of pending cases?

Speedy disposal of cases

1298. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any discernible improvement in the speedy disposal of Civil cases since enforcement of new guidelines governing disposal of CPC cases;

(b) the major recommendations of Justice V.S. Malimath Committee constituted to suggest reforms to the Cr. P.C.; and

(c) the amendments Government

propose to make to take care of increasing number of criminal cases stalled due to witnesses turning hostile in the courts, leading to acquittal in most of the cases?

Electoral Reforms

1299. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken decision on Electoral Reforms based on the recommendations made by Dinesh Goswami and Indrajit Gupta Committees; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Special courts under the Land Ceiling Act

1300. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state the action proposed to set up Special Courts to speed up cases under the Land Ceiling Act for distribution of excess land among the landless poor?

Electronic Courts

1301. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that electronic courts are going to be established in the Supreme Court very soon;

(b) if so, the details of such a proposal;

(c) the facilities that e-courts would provide to the clients;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the Supreme Court is also thinking of allowing Lok Adalats to sit between 6.00 p.m. and 9.00 p.m. in the court building to dispose of the cases; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Implementation of recommendations of Constitution Review Commission

1302. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to refer to reply to Starred Question 490 given in the Rajya Sabha on 29th April, 2002 and state:

- (a) whether any action has been taken to implement the recommendations pertaining to his Ministry;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Issues discussed during official visit to Iran

1303. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) the issues which were discussed by him during his recent official tour to Iran;
- (b) whether the question of establishing North-South corridor was also taken up; and
- (c) if so, the details of decisions arrived at?

Financial crisis faced by HSL

1304. SHRI N. R. DASARI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware of the serious financial crisis being faced by the Hindustan Shipyard Ltd., Visakhapatnam due to the non-availability of non-plan assistance from Government for the last six years and loan facility from financial institutions;
- (b) whether the HSL staff and workers' union had submitted a memorandum to Government in the month of May this year in this regard; and

- (c) if so, the details of their demands and action being taken, if any, to solve their problems?

Recommendations of Core Committee on HSL

1305. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI N.R. DASARI:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a Core Committee constituted by his Ministry to study the state of affairs of Hindustan Shipyard Ltd., Visakhapatnam, has submitted its report;
- (b) if so, the details and the recommendations made by the said Committee; and
- (c) the steps being taken for the implementation of the recommendations?

Technical and price bids submitted by HSL against SCI global tender

1306. SHRI N.R. DASARI:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Hindustan Shipyard Ltd. (HSL) had submitted Technical and Price Bids in 1996 against Shipping Corporation of India's global tender for four 19,000 DWT-container-cum-Cargo vessels;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether Government will prevail upon the shipping Corporation of India to place these orders on HSL, Visakhapatnam which is passing through a severe financial crisis due to lack of orders?

Privatisation of public sector ship-yards

1307. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a working group on the shipping industry for the Tenth Plan has recommended privatisation of the public sector shipyards to enable the industry to finance its growth; and

(b) if so, the details of major recommendations/observations of the group and action taken/proposed to be taken thereon?

Schemes for the welfare of destitute children

1308. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the various schemes for the welfare of destitute children in each State that are being implemented for the past five years and are under various stages of implementation; and

(b) the details and the types of assistance being provided by Government to the States for the implementation of the above schemes, for the past five years State-wise?

Economic security and medical facilities for senior citizens

1309. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether 30 per cent of the elderly persons live below the poverty line and only 10 per cent of our senior citizens enjoy a modicum of economic security;

(b) whether there are only 354 old age homes throughout the country and public sector controlled schemes do not insure people over the age of 70;

(c) whether it is a fact that the State's best medical facilities do not offer the health care facilities they need;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the measures being taken by Government in this regard?

Inclusion of Khana Badosh in ST list

† 1310. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the nomads popularly known as Khana Badosh (Kanjar) in Uttar Pradesh are demanding for the last several years to include them in the list of Scheduled Tribe under the category of Gihar tribals;

(b) whether it is also a fact that SC/ST Commission, Backward Commission and State Government have also accorded their approval for the same;

(c) if so, when Government had received the approval from the State Government and the said Commissions; and

(d) by when the Kanjar caste will be included in the list of Scheduled Tribe?

Tribal development projects in Himachal Pradesh

1311. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the tribal development projects/programmes under implementation in Hilly/remote and far-flung areas of Himachal Pradesh

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(b) whether Government have received complaints regarding corruption and irregularities in the implementation of these schemes in the State;

(c) if so, the steps taken to review the programmes; and

(d) the action initiated against such persons involved in irregularities?

Inclusion of certain tribes in ST list

1312. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision for inclusion of certain tribes in the list of Scheduled Tribes in different parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the action will be taken?

Constitution amendment to declare Koch Rajbonshi, Tai Ahom, etc. as tribals

1313. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to bring a Constitution Amendment Bill on the basis of Joint Select Committee's recommendation to declare Koch Rajbonshi, Tai Ahom, Moran Muttock, Chutia and tea population as tribals in Assam;

(b) if so, by when Government would bring this Bill in both Houses of Parliament; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Amount released for post-matric and post-graduate studies for SC, ST, etc. in Manipur

1314. SHRI RISHANG KEISHING: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount required for post-matric and post-graduate studies of SC, ST and others for Manipur during the years 2000-2001 and 2001-2002;

(b) whether the scholarship amount was released and disbursed on time; and

(c) if answer to part (b) be in negative, the reasons therefor and the measures taken to release and disburse this on time?

Low literacy schools for tribal girls

1315. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that low literacy schools for tribal girls are fully grantable and financed by Government;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a number of such institutions have not been paid grants for the last two years;

(c) whether it is also a fact that several representations were made to Government by such schools and also by MPs; and

(d) if so, the reasons for not providing grants to these schools and by when the same would be given to such schools?

Communities demanding ST status in Assam

1316. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of communities of Assam

whose demand for enlisting them as ST is pending;

(b) the names of those which fulfilled all the required criteria for such scheduling and target set for a final decision; and

(c) the details of the proposal to create Bodo Territorial Council by amendment of Sixth Schedule of the Constitution, future status of other tribes and communities in the Council areas?

Clearance of Projects of Government of Karnataka

1317. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Karnataka has sent two projects for approval of Government aimed at improving the condition of major slums in certain towns and cities, including Bangalore city; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard and the present status of the projects?

Poor maintenance of roads in LIG DDA flats in Manglapuri

1318. SHRIMATI GURCHARAN KAUR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the roads of the LIG Flats of DDA in Pocket 13 of Manglapuri are not properly maintained and there is no proper lighting on the streets as well as surrounding areas of the locality;

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

(c) whether it is a fact that there is no individual parking space for the vehicles in the said locality; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to provide enough parking space to the residents of that area?

Action to decongest Delhi

1319. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi is over-populated causing a heavy strain on power, water, sewage and roads and consequently causing heavy air pollution and health problems to the citizens; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard and the action initiated by Government to decongest Delhi and the time-schedule drawn for achieving this objective?

Unauthorised occupation of Government land in Metro cities

1320. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted in regard to Government land occupied unauthorisedly in Metro cities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether Government would conduct such a survey?

Achievement under SJSRY in Uttar Pradesh

1321. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated under the Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rojgar Yojana

for the State of Uttar Pradesh during the last two years;

(b) the achievement made so far;

(c) whether the funds allocated for Uttar Pradesh have been utilised during this period;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

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

(b) if so, whether any enquiry has been conducted;

(c) if so, the main reasons for failure to utilise money set for the purpose;

(d) who are mainly responsible for not utilising the money;

(e) the action taken against them; and

(f) the steps being taken to avoid such situation in future?

Basic facilities in slums in metropolitan cities

1322. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of basic facilities being provided by Government in slums and jhuggi-jhonpuri in the metropolitan cities and other cities of the country, city-wise;

(b) whether Government have formulated any scheme for the welfare of slum dwellers living in these cities; and

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

Failure of Centrally-sponsored Programmes

1323. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

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

(a) whether his Ministry has failed to implement the Centrally-sponsored programmes as over 3,000 projects involving over Rs. 300 crore were lying unused with his Ministry, State Governments and other implementing agencies all over the country;

DDA under scanner

1324. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has taken a decision to place DDA under the microscope scanner to cull out graft;

(b) if so, whether there would be a nodal officer monitoring the DDA and a special task force for fly-overs;

(c) if so, to what extent this will help to combat the rampant corruption and the presence of touts and middlemen; and

(d) to what extent it has helped Government to check the corruption in this department?

Private participation in IDSMT

1325. DR. AKHILESH DAS: SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU):

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

(a) whether the Integrated Programme for Development of Small and Medium Towns failed to make any considerable headway during the two decades 1981-2001, so much so that of the 4656 such

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towns, projects were sanctioned only in 1058 towns;

(b) if so, the latest appraisal of the programme and the reasons for its failure;

(c) whether private sector participation could not be mustered for the programme; and

(d) if so, the reasons for failure in registering private participation?

Projects for basic amenities in Metropolitan cities

† 1326. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had initiated 72 projects during the past years for providing basic facilities in five big Metropolitan cities of the country;

(b) if so, the names of those projects and how much amount had been estimated as expenditure for their completion;

(c) how much amount has already been spent out of the estimated amount till March, 2002; and

(d) the number of projects, out of them, which have been discontinued without completion of job?

Scarcity of drinking water in R.K. Puram

1327. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an acute scarcity of drinking water in Sector-7, R.K. Puram, New Delhi and residents

are forced to buy water from tankers to meet their essential needs; and

(b) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to tackle the situation?

Illegal constructions in colonies under 'D' Division of CPWD

† 1328. CHAUDHARY HAR-MOHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that illegal construction has been done in 80 per cent houses of the colonies under 'D' Division of CPWD;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the action being taken against Executive/Assistant Engineers under whose patronage illegal constructions have been done by the allottees;

(d) the details of the recent demolition of illegal constructions;

(e) whether it is also a fact that some of the allottees have done reconstruction; and

(f) the action being taken by Government for immediate demolition of illegal constructions?

Water supply to LIG flats, Manglapuri

1329. SHRIMATI GURCHARAN KAUR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of arrangements of water supply made by Government to the residents of the LIG flats of DDA in Pocket 13 of Manglapuri, New Delhi;

(b) whether it is a fact that the water supplied to this area is full of iodine, salt, flourine, and other dirty ingredients;

(c) whether the water supplied to above said area is properly treated; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by Government to supply well-treated water to the residents of that area?

Budget for poverty alleviation programmes

1330. SHRINANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the budget provided for poverty alleviation programmes for the years 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002;

(b) the amount actually spent towards poverty alleviation and details of the schemes under which it was spent, year-wise;

(c) the unspent amount year-wise; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken by Government to utilise the unspent amount towards poverty alleviation and schemes to be taken-up?

Funds under NSDP to Orissa

1331. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Slum Development Programme is a Centrally-sponsored project;

(b) whether Government have sanctioned and released certain amount for

development of Urban Local Bodies in Orissa;

(c) if so, the total amount sanctioned for the purpose and the amount released out of this to the State;

(d) whether the State Government of Orissa has asked for additional funds under the scheme;

(e) if so, the financial assistance asked for; and

(f) whether this has been released to the State Government, if not, by when this amount would be released?

Projects and schemes for urban development in various States

1332. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of projects and schemes approved regarding urban development in Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Rajasthan, Orissa and Madhya Pradesh during the last three years;

(b) the amount of funds allocated to the above States during the same period alongwith the total amount spent thereon, year-wise; and

(c) the target set for completion of above project?

Guidelines for rain water storage, maintenance of parks etc. in cities

† 1333. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued any guidelines regarding storage of rain

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water, construction and maintenance of parks and ponds at the time of releasing grants or any other funds for the development of various categories of cities and Metropolitan cities in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Illegal constructions in Government colonies

1334. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 3635 given in the Rajya Sabha on 29th April, 2002 and state:

(a) the date on which CPWD authorities informed Directorate of Estates regarding illegal construction against each allottee;

(b) the date on which Directorate of Estates took action against each allottee;

(c) the date on which allottees were issued notices by Directorate of Estates for removal of illegal/unauthorized constructions;

(d) the number of allottees who have demolished illegal constructions and informed Directorate of Estates through CPWD enquiry; and

(e) the number of allottees who have not demolished illegal constructions and the action taken by Directorate of Estates as on date against each allottee?

Funds for Mega City Projects

1335. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government agreed to release the funds for Mega City Projects

for Kolkata, Chennai, Hyderabad and Bangalore during Eighth and Ninth Plan period; and

(b) the funds provided, so far, by Government and State Governments during the above period and thereafter?

Implementation of SJSRY in Assam

1336. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons benefited under the Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rojgar Yojana in the State of Assam during the last three years;

(b) the number of persons proposed to be benefited under the scheme in the State during the year 2002-2003; and

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

Assessment of unemployed persons in the country

1337. SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have assessed the number of unemployed persons in the urban/rural areas of the country particularly in Punjab and U.P.;

(b) the number of such persons at the end of the Ninth Five Year Plan, State-wise; and

(c) the target fixed to provide employment to all these persons during the years 2002—2005 and budgetary allocations made for the year 2002-2003,

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indicating Centrally-sponsored employment schemes in Punjab and Uttar Pradesh, if any?

Removal of encroachments on Government land by DDA

† 1338. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the action taken by DDA to remove encroachments on

Government land during the last two years and upto 10th July, 2002;

(b) the total area of residential as well as industrial land which was got vacated, togetherwith the names of the areas;

(c) the details of the compensation given in each case;

(d) the names of the places where encroachments have started again;

(e) the details of the action taken against the DDA officers found guilty in this regard?

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