

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Wednesday, the April 30, 2003/Vaisakha 10, 1925 (Saka)*

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

Total number of questions—155

Purchase of faulty gas masks by CIL

4177. SHRI ABHAY KANT PRASAD: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Coal India Limited had purchased about 30,000 gas masks technically called 'Fitter Self Rescuers' at a cost of Rs. 5 crores which were later found to be faulty;

(b) if so, whether such gas masks were purchased after proper test;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the reaction of Government thereto?

Ash content in coal

†4178. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that approximately 34 per cent ash is found in the coal produced in the country;

(b) if not, the estimated maximum quantity and minimum quantity of ash in the same;

(c) whether there is any plan to reduce the quantity of ash in the coal and bring it to the level of quantity of ash found in the imported coal; and

(d) if so, the quantity of ash found in the imported coal?

Loss-making coal mines

4179. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the number with location of chronically loss-making coal mines in the country;

(b) the cumulative losses incurred by these mines as on 31st March, 2002;

(c) how Government propose to tackle the problems of these coal mines; and

(d) how far the mafia activities are responsible for this state of affairs?

Mining activities in coal blocks

4180. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether major corporate houses are

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

sitting idle on high quality coal blocks despite low ash content coal being allotted to them for captive mining;

(b) if so, the reasons for not starting mining activity in their respective blocks; and

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

Impact of closure of coal mines on workers

4181. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to close down several coal mines in various subsidiaries in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons and justification for making closure of coal mines in the country;

(d) the number of workers to be affected by such a decision; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to protect the interests of workers and also to ensure smooth production of coal?

Handing over surplus mining blocks to private entrepreneurs by CIL

4182. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether CIL has been criticised for not handing over surplus mining blocks to private entrepreneurs;

(b) if so, whether to sustain the projected coal production in the next few years, there is a need to hand over surplus mining blocks to private entrepreneurs; and

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

Removal of coal mafia from coal mines

4183. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to crack down on coal mafia who are active in various coal mines;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(c) whether fake coal linkage companies have also been identified recently;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken to remove coal mafia from various coal mines?

Implementation of Supreme Court's direction by CIL

4184. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether CIL and its subsidiary companies had all along been denying the rightful claims of coal consumers on frivolous grounds in spite of the directions of High Court and Supreme Court;

(b) if so, whether BCCL expressed its inability to meet the obligation to supply the entitled quota of raw materials to M/s. DOMCO Smokeless Fuels Private Limited and issued 'No Objection' for transfer of linkage from BCCL to CIL; and

(c) if so, the reasons for not implementing the directions issued by the Supreme Court in the case of the said company?

Deployment of Army at border

4185. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) since when Indian Army was deployed on the borders to combat terrorism from Pakistan;

(b) the extra monthly expenditure being incurred as a result of it;

(c) the number of army personnel and civilian population killed since then;

(d) whether deployment of army on the border for such a long period is having demoralising effect on them; and

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

Report on MIG-21 crash at Srinagar

4186. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to the reply to Starred Question 38 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 19th February, 2003 and state:

(a) whether the Court of Inquiry has submitted its report on the crash of MIG-21 aircraft on the outskirts of Srinagar on 26th December, 2002;

(b) if so, the details of the findings *vis-a-vis* chances of sabotage;

(c) if not, when the report is expected; and

(d) by when MIG aircrafts are likely to be replaced?

Shortage of officers in the armed forces

4187. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the armed forces, particularly the Army, is suffering from shortage of officers and personnel indicating that the services are not an attractive employment option for the youth;

(b) if so, the present shortage in the Army, the Air Force and the Navy Officers as per the latest reports; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to motivate youths to opt for a career in the armed forces?

Inclusion of local M.Ps. and Local M.L.As. as *ex-officio* members in Defence Cantonment Boards

4188. SHRI NANDIYELLAIAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would amend Defence Cantonment Act by including local M.Ps. and local M.L.As as *ex-officio* members of Cantonment Boards;

(b) whether Government would amend Defence Cantonment Act to provide direct elections to Vice-Presidents of Cantonment Boards;

(c) whether Government would amend Defence Cantonment Act to reserve 33 per cent of elective seats in all Defence Cantonment Boards to ladies; and

(d) whether Government would amend Defence Cantonment Act to increase the number of wards due to abnormal increase of population of Secunderabad Cantonment?

Utilisation of budgetary allocations

4189. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Defence including the three services has not been able to utilise funds allocated to it in the budget for the last many years;

(b) if so, the quantum of funds which remained unutilised for the last three years ending 31st March, 2003, year-wise and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to ensure full utilisation of funds allocated to the Ministry and the services in the budget?

**Backlog of recruitment of SCs, STs
and OBCs in MoD**

4190. DR. DASARI NARAYANA
RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be
pleased to state:

(a) the present recruitment and
promotional backlog position of SCs, STs
and OBCs in his Ministry, PSUs and other
factories and organisations under his
Ministry, establishment-wise;

(b) since when these backlogs are
pending and reasons for non clearance of
the backlog, establishment-wise; and

(c) what steps Government propose to
take to clear these backlogs within a
time frame?

Indo-US military cooperation

4191. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:
Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased
to state:

(a) whether US Army Chief had visited
India in the first week of February, 2003;

(b) if so, whether he had sought deeper
military-to-military cooperation with his
Indian counterpart;

(c) whether the Army Headquarters had
given a presentation on militancy in Kashmir;

(d) if so, whether US Army Chief was
apprised of the weapons factories allegedly
springing up in Pakistan to "aid terrorism";

(e) whether any other issues were
discussed with him; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Modern equipments for Indian Navy

4192. SHRI JANARDHANA
POOJARY:
SHRI RAMACHANDRA
KHUNTIA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be
pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has
been drawn to the newsitem 'Navy shying
away from high seas';

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Indian
Navy has become incapable of undertaking
'open ocean work' for lack of appropriate
fleet, equipment and infrastructure and has,
therefore, asked for its upgradation and
augmentation in a major way to prepare it to
face the present day challenges; and

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

Fleet composition of Indian Navy

4193. SHRI RAMACHANDRA
KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of
DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that dominance of
small ships in the naval fleet imposes
limitations of reach of Indian Navy;

(b) the ideal number of aircraft carriers
required by the Indian Navy *vis-a-vis*
present number of aircraft carriers with
Indian Navy; and

(c) the reasons for treating Indian Navy
as "Cindrella service"?

Procurement of aerotyres by IAF

4194. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the
Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Air Force is
experiencing difficulty in procuring

aerotypes for its planes, especially after closing down of Dunlop Units; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Modernisation of defence forces

4195. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that acquisition and assimilation of military capabilities requires time ranging from five to ten years; if so, is our modernisation of defence forces attuned to that time-frame and are Defence budgetary allocations sufficient in view of belligerent neighbours on our borders; and

(b) if so, whether target fixed for modernisation during the last three years were met and what is the perspective planning for the coming decade?

Use of army trucks for transporting children to schools

4196. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that typical Army Trucks, usually with limited seating capacity in a longitudinal direction, are being used to transport children to Army Schools;

(b) if so, whether the trucks fulfil the norms for school buses; and

(c) if not, the reasons for use of these trucks for transporting school children?

Monitoring of coast line

4197. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Home Affairs has sent a proposal to the Ministry of Defence expressing its willingness to handover monitoring the Coastal line of the Country to Coast Guards;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal of the Ministry of Home Affairs;

(c) whether any consultations have been made in this regard between the two Ministries; and

(d) if so, the out come of the consultations?

Indigenously produced torpedo

4198. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR:

SHRIMATI N. P. DURGA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has completed successful trials on the first indigenously produced torpedo; and

(b) does the Indian torpedo place us in any advantage *vis-a-vis* Pakistan?

Ban on MIG flights over residential areas

†4199. SHRI D.P. YADAV: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons behind the continuously occurring accidents of MIG aircrafts;

(b) the number of citizens killed and injured alongwith the loss of property in MIG accidents during the last year;

(c) whether Government are considering to impose ban on flying of MIG aircrafts over the residential areas; and

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

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Shifting of population to safer areas

†4200. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the media report captioned, "Sarkar ke paas koi Doorgami Yojana hi nahin";

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

(c) the details for the programme Government are having to shift the population living within the stipulated distance of present army bases, oil depots and power plants at the earliest along with army and setting up of ammunition bases thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the likely impact of the same in future?

Development of Fifth Generation Sukhoi aircrafts by Russia with Indian and Chinese partnership

4201. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Russia has proposed to include China as a partner in developing Fifth Generation Sukhoi Fighter Planes along with India; and

(b) if so, India's view thereon?

Improving education standard in IAF School, Race Course, New Delhi

†4202. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 2150 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 22nd December, 1999 and state:

(a) what has been the results of the classes other than the Board Examinations during the year 2001-2002 and 2002-2003;

(b) the section-wise results of 8th class during the said years and number of students passed with passing marks and those who failed; and

(c) whether efforts would be made by Government to improve the declining standard of education in the said school?

Modernisation of Indian Navy

4203. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Navy required modernisation and better equipments;

(b) the amount spent on modernisation of Indian Navy each year during the last five years;

(c) the amount returned unutilized by the Ministry of Defence during the last financial year; and

(d) why was the amount not utilized for the purpose mentioned in (a) above?

Protection of Indian assets in Arabian Sea

4204. SHRI K. B. KRISHNA MURTHY:
SHRI SURENDRA LATH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether our armed forces have been put on alert to provide protection, security and escort to Indian assets in the Arabian Sea and evacuate Indian Nationals in the event of a war;

(b) whether India has offered its services on formation of a peace keeping force based in Lebanon; and

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(c) whether India has made any independent assessment of the likely duration of the war and its fall out in the SE Asian region?

Production of Light Combat Aircraft and its components

4205. SHRI NANDIYELLAIAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether successful testing of prototypes of indigenously built Light Combat Aircraft has reached production stage;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Praga Tools Ltd. at Secunderabad, A.P. is having technicians and suitable technical equipments to manufacture any component parts pertaining to Light Combat Aircraft;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if so, the reasons for the Defence Ministry in not making use of Praga Tools Ltd. for the production of component parts of Light Combat Aircraft?

Demands/mention points raised regarding AFHQ employees

4206. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of demands/mention points concerning AFHQ employees were discussed/raised in the meeting of the Departmental Council (JCM) of DPO&T held on 17.7.2002;

(b) if so, the details of such demands/mention points/decisions;

(c) whether any follow up action on the above mentioned mention points/decisions has been taken;

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the progress made on each point; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor and steps proposed to be taken for implementation of the decisions taken/points raised with the likely time involved?

Making of Hindi test compulsory in entrance exams of defence services

†4207. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the question paper of English is compulsory in NDA, CDS and other entrance examinations of defence services;

(b) whether the question paper of Hindi is also compulsory or it is allowed as an optional paper;

(c) whether the high level qualifications in English are considered necessary for higher officers of defence services;

(d) whether the qualification in Hindi is also desirable; and

(e) if so, the action taken so far/proposed to be taken for examining the qualification of Hindi in entrance examinations of defence services?

Potential of defence industry

4208. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the huge potential in the defence industry has not been fully tapped;

(b) whether Government proposes to take any step to tap the potential in defence industry; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Performance of Bharat Earth Movers Ltd.

4209. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bharat Earth Movers Ltd. has improved its performance over the past, and whether it was incurring losses earlier to this;

(b) which are the main customers including defence and what is the ratio of orders between these two in terms of value of orders; and

(c) whether the unit propose to diversify in other sectors and if so, the details thereof?

Communal incidents in Gujarat

4210. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of communal incidents have taken place in Gujarat even after the assumption of the new Government;

(b) if so, the number and extent of damages and other details arising thereof;

(c) whether Government have advised the State Government to stop the recurrence of such incidents; and

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

Firing by Pakistani troops for disrupting border fencing work

4211. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of occasions since January 1, 2003 when Pakistani troops resorted to firing along international border to disrupt ongoing border fencing work in Jammu and Kashmir sector;

(b) the extent of loss of life and property sustained by Indian side in this firing; and

(c) the steps taken to stop firing from Pakistani side to carry on the fencing work?

Human rights violations by police

†4212. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that complaints with regard to human rights violations against the police forces have increased a lot;

(b) if so, the State-wise and police force-wise details of such complaints; and

(c) what action Government are taking for training of police to avoid such complaints and to make them sensitive?

Foreign intruders

†4213. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of foreign intruders apprehended in the country during the last three years along with the action taken against them;

(b) whether any explosives or fire-arms have been recovered from these intruders;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details with regard to original citizenships of said intruders?

Outcome of discussion on Ayodhya dispute

†4214. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the meaningful outcomes of the discussion with saints regarding Ayodhya issue initiated recently by the in-charge of Ayodhya cell of Prime Minister's Office;

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(b) whether any progress has been made through this discussion in resolving the Ayodhya issue; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Begging in Delhi

4215. SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that begging has become a lucrative option at traffic intersections at almost all the red lights in Delhi; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government to control the situation and whether Government conduct raids regularly to keep the menace in check?

Report sought by India from UAE about killings of gangster

4216. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sought any report from the UAE Government regarding the killing of Sharad Shetty, a member of Dawood Ibrahim gang; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Protest against agreement with Bodo-Liberation Tigers

4217. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether non-Bodo people of Assam have protested against the Agreement signed by the Central Government, Assam Government and Bodo-Liberation Tigers;

(b) whether they are angry because these people have not been taken into confidence before signing of Agreement;

(c) what steps Government and other two signatories to the Agreement have taken to allay the fears of non-Bodo people of the area; and

(d) the other details in this regard?

Objectives of NHRC

†4218. SHRIMATI GURCHARAN KAUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the objectives of constituting the National Human Rights Commission and arrangements made in this regard;

(b) the conditions of appointing Chairman and Members of the Commission;

(c) the number of women members and member coming from rural background; and

(d) if not, the provisions made by Government for appointing such members?

Census of minority communities

4219. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report titled, 'Christian council demands apology from Government', which appeared in the media;

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

(c) whether such census of Christians and other minority communities is being carried out in other States in the country apart from Gujarat; and

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

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Survey of Christians in Gujarat

4220. SHRI GAYA SINGH:
SHRI KARNENDU
BHATTACHARJEE:
SHRI MANOJ
BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a door-to-door campaign is being conducted in Gujarat to collect information about family details of the Christian population by State Police;

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

(c) whether there is a feeling of fear among the local Christian families on that score; and

(d) the measures being adopted to mollify their apprehensions in this regard?

Strength of National Integration Council

4221. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:
DR. ABRAR AHMED:
SHRI MOOLCHAND
MEENA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present strength of Members of National Integration Council;

(b) when the last meeting of NIC was held;

(c) the reasons for not calling a single meeting of NIC by the present NDA Government; and

(d) by when Government propose to call a meeting of NIC?

Threat perception on Indo-Bangla border

4222. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY:
SHRI C. RAMA-
CHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that threat perception on Indo-Bangladesh border is on the rise;

(b) if so, whether Government proposed to increase the number of security personnel along the border; and

(c) what is the long term plan being envisaged by Government in this regard?

Padma Awardees

4223. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN:
SHRI ABANI ROY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) who are the Padma Awardees for the current year whose names have been notified on January 25, 2003;

(b) whether there has been any addition made subsequent to those notified on January 25, 2003 as reported in the media; and

(c) what steps have been taken to allay the fear of conferring Padma awards through back door?

CISF personnel training abroad

4224. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a contingent of 4000 hand picked men from the Central Industrial Security Force is proposed to be sent to Israel, UK and US to acquire the skill of

countering weapons of mass destruction including chemical, nuclear and biological warfare;

(b) if so, the details of this proposal;

(c) the allocation, which has been made for the purpose to meet the expenditure on the trainees; and

(d) whether any guidelines have been set for selection of the incumbents for such training and; if so, the details thereof?

Filling up the reserved post by MCD

†4225. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether 7.5 per cent posts have been reserved for the candidates of Scheduled Tribes according to the Constitution;

(b) whether candidates of other categories have been appointed to the posts reserved for Scheduled Tribes by Municipal Corporation of Delhi;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by the Municipal Corporation of Delhi to fill up the quota of Scheduled Tribes?

Arrests under POTA

†4226. SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of persons arrested under Prevention of Terrorist Act (POTA) in the country, so far, State-wise;

(b) the total number of persons against whom the charge-sheet has been filed so far, amongst those arrested under POTA in the country, State-wise including in January;

(c) the number of persons against whom charge-sheet is not proposed to be filed, State-wise; and

(d) whether there is any person arrested in the country under POTA against whom charges have been withdrawn, if so, the details thereof?

Survey of people killed as witch and demon

†4227. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any survey to find out number of women and men killed by labelling them as "witch" and "demon" respectively during the last two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Rejection of judicial verdict on Ayodhya dispute

4228. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Vishwa Hindu Parishad rejected any solution of Ayodhya dispute through a judicial verdict;

(b) whether it is also a fact that V.H.P. has threatened Government to face "Aar Paar Ki Ladayi (Fight to the finish)" if their demands are not met; and

(c) if so, response of Government thereto?

Fire in the slum basties on Yamuna Pushta in Delhi

4229. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that fire broke out in the slum basties on the Yamuna Pushta in Delhi on 18th March, 2003;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the cause of the fire, the number of jhuggies gutted as a result thereof and the number of persons who died and those seriously injured due to fire;

(c) whether there are any norms fixed for the payment of compensation in such cases; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, separately indicating the compensation payable for the loss of each jhuggi, for the dead and the seriously injured?

Curbing flow of development funds to militants

4230. DR. AKHILESH DAS : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Study Group on North-east has been set up to curb flow of development funds to militants operating in the region, and suggesting a system of effective governance;

(b) if so, what are its main findings, observations and suggestions;

(c) whether the study reveals payment of lakhs of rupees of development funds per month to MLAs in politically unstable States; and

(d) Government's response and reaction thereto?

US Human Rights Commission's comment on minorities of Gujarat

4231. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the US Human Rights Commission in its Report for 2002 has commented sharply on the persecution of minorities in Gujarat;

(b) whether these comments include the recent move of the Gujarat Government for a door-to-door survey of the Christians living in the State; and

(c) whether India has made its position clear before the international community through NHRC?

Safety of women in Delhi

4232. MISS MABEL REBELLO:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the reports captioned "City (Delhi) is now safe for women, says Commissioner" appeared in the media;

(b) if so, the measures devised and action initiated to ensure safety of the women folk in the capital city and how far it has been successful; and

(c) the preventive measures initiated to instill confidence among the women?

Staff crunch in Delhi Police

4233. MISS MABEL REBELLO:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Police is feeling staff crunch to make foot patrols effective, as reported in the media;

(b) if so, the action plan to strengthen beat functioning in the capital; and

(c) whether vulnerable areas around the police stations in the capital have been identified to control incidents of crime at night; if so, the details of these sensitive areas?

Security lapses in J&K

4234. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there were security lapses which encouraged more extremist activities in operation in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether army has been given more firepower in Jammu and Kashmir after incidents of 24th March, 2003;

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

(e) if so, whether the Centre, State Government and Military have agreed to work jointly to fight terrorist activities in the State?

Custodial deaths

†4235. DR. PRABHA THAKUR : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of prisoners died in police custody in the last five years;

(b) the State-wise and year-wise details of the deaths in police custody;

(c) the action taken against the police officers responsible for these deaths in police custody; and

(d) the number of police officers, out of the police officers found guilty in such incidents, punished during the last five years together with the number of cases in which no action has been taken so far against the guilty, the details thereof?

Absconding criminals in NCT of Delhi

4236. SHRI BHAGATRAM
MANHAR:
SHRI C. RAMA CHAND-
RAIAH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 8,000 criminals are still at large in the National Capital Territory of Delhi;

(b) if so, the details of criminals at large under various districts;

(c) whether Delhi Police have failed to apprehend wanted criminals resulted into more crimes reported in the city; and

(d) if so, what steps Government propose to take to apprehend the criminals in NCT of Delhi?

Traffic snarls caused by VIP movements

4237. SHRI BHAGATRAM
MANHAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of frequent traffic snarls caused by VIP movements in the NCT of Delhi;

(b) if so, whether Government is conducting an intensive study of VIP security systems followed in other countries particularly in the West; and

(c) if so, the complete details thereof, and by when a comprehensive report on VIP security/routes will be taken?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Revamping of CRPF

4238. MISS MABEL REBELLO:

SHRI B. J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have planned to revamp, augment and give a face lift to CRPF;

(b) if so, the details of the proposed plan;

(c) whether it is planned to increase the number of battalions, equip them with modern weaponry and train them in counter-insurgency with a view to make it strongest Central force in the country; and

(d) the time frame by which it would be completed and total outlay involved in the process?

Murder of staff nurse of Safdarjung Hospital

4239. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Member of Parliament submitted a letter to the Competent Authority on 14th March, 2003 regarding the alleged/suspected murder of a staff nurse of Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi;

(b) whether First Information Report (FIR) is registered on the above alleged/suspected murder;

(c) if so, the details including the date of registration and the number of FIR;

(d) whether any one has been questioned in this case;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the detailed action initiated based on the facts stated in the above mentioned letter of the Member of Parliament?

Crimes in the country

4240. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of incidents of robbery, kidnapping, murder, dacoity, looting etc., in the different parts of the country during the last one year and till date;

(b) the specific reasons for the occurrence of the said crimes; and

(c) the details of action taken by Government against the criminals?

Modernisation of Delhi Police

4241. DR. ABRAR AHMED:

SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the manpower and modernisation requirements of Delhi Police, as recommended by Bureau of Police Research and Development have been fully met; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Nexus between Naxalites of Andhra Pradesh and Maoists of Nepal

4242. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received information that the Naxalites in Andhra Pradesh and other States were working in coordination with Maoists of Nepal in their terrorist activities;

(b) if so, whether Government have sought help from the Government of Nepal to check the menace from Nepal; and

(c) what is Nepal Government's response in this regard?

Mosque online

4243. SHRI KARTAR SINGH DUGGAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Madarassas in Rajasthan are getting Cyber savvy; and

(b) what is the infrastructure obtaining in Rehnamai Mosque in the walled city of Jaipur and how does its establishment wish to go online?

Help to rape victims

4244. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:
DR. AKHILESH DAS:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a representation from a Bombay based organisation, named integrity foundation "for provision of facilities like "Rape Crisis Centres (RCC)" and "Sexual Assault Treatment Units (SATU)" for helping the rape victims throughout the country on the lines of such centres and units functioning in Denmark; and

(b) if so, Government's response thereto?

Ratio of rural and urban population

†4245. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the ratio of rural and urban population at the time of independence;

(b) the present ratio of rural and urban population; and

(c) whether Government are facing difficulties due to the changed ratio since independence and the steps Government have taken to correct this mismatching ratio?

Recruitment of Constables in CISF

4246. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently CISF have undertaken a recruitment drive to the post of Constable from Jhansi and Mathura;

(b) whether it is a fact that some persons have recruited by sources and some other persons i.e. those who have no source could not be successful; and

(c) the action being taken against those officials and how many persons have selected, name-wise?

Non-registration of FIR

4247. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no FIR was registered when 48 trainees of Police Training College, Jharoda Kalan fell ill after a Holi feast, and that all medico-legal formalities were bypassed and only a complaint was registered at the local police station; and

(b) if so, who is responsible for this incident and whether this Training College lacks even basic amenities like clean drinking water etc.?

Gujarat earthquake

†4248. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total financial loss suffered due to earthquake which took place in Bhuj in Gujarat in the year 2000;

(b) the amount provided as aid by the Central Government for the sufferers of the earthquake in Gujarat so far; and

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(c) the financial assistance received so far from different organisations in the country and abroad for sufferers of earthquake in Gujarat along with the details of the amount spent for the relief of earthquake-victims, so far, out of the said amount?

Freedom Fighters' Pension

†4249. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of freedom fighters getting pensions today;

(b) whether there are some freedom fighters or their wives/dependents who are still deprived of pensions, if so, their numbers if not, the response of Government to such news-item published in media;

(c) the action being taken for full payment of arrears to the wives of concerned freedom fighters and to make arrangement to continue the payments of such pensions; and

(d) whether Government would find out other such cases?

Investigation into telecom sector by Delhi Police

4250. SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that investigations into the telecom racket which was reported in the press in September 2002 are ongoing in the Delhi Police;

(b) the details of individuals/companies involved in the racket as per investigation;

(c) whether it is a fact that the offenders are still moving scot-free;

(d) the present status of the investigations, the arrests made and the action taken under the law so far; and

(e) by when the culprits would be booked?

Dialogue with Pakistan in order to bring peace in J&K

4251. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Conference President, Omar Abdullah has opined that dialogue with Pakistan is the only option for bringing peace in Kashmir;

(b) if so, the reaction of Central Government thereon; and

(c) the steps being taken to bring peace in the valley and flush out terrorist outfits?

Protest against survey of Christians in Gujarat

4252. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Gujarat Government is carrying out a survey of Christians in the State;

(b) whether the All India Christian Council has protested against such move and claimed it a fit case of the Supreme Court to take *suo moto* action; if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Gujarat High Court had restrained the State Government in 1998 from undertaking any such survey; and

(d) whether it is a fact that such community-wise area-specific surveys would turn into a potential tool for persecution of religious minorities?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Refusal by inmates to leave Tihar Jail

4253. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have studied the contents of the news-item captioned, "Poor and Ailing: Leaving Tihar not an option for these inmates" which appeared in the media;

(b) whether it is a fact that over 300 of the jail's 12000 inmates have refused to leave the prison even when their prison sentence has ended;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) what steps are being taken by Government to get the jail vacated?

Crude bombs detected at New Delhi Railway Station

4254. SHRI C. RAMA-CHANDRAIAH:
SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some crude bombs were detected at New Delhi Railway Station recently;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some crude bombs exploded in a running train in Mumbai;

(c) if so, what are the intelligence reports on the possible terrorist targets; and

(d) what further steps are proposed to be taken to enhance security?

Amendments in Foreigners' Act

4255. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to amend Foreigners' Act;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the proposed Bill is likely to be introduced in Parliament?

Border fencing

4256. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to undertake border fencing in Kutch area bordering Pakistan;

(b) if so, the details thereof with completion schedules;

(c) has the border fencing work in Jammu and Kashmir undertaken;

(d) the areas covered so far and remains to be covered; and

(e) the steps taken to expedite the border fencing and the likely date of completion?

Issuance of I-Cards to Indian citizens

†4257. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem captioned, "Bhartiya hokar bhi Bharat ke nahin yahan base log", appeared in the media;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter;

(c) the reasons for not issuing so far identity cards of Indian citizenship to the residents of 130 small plots of land close to Indo-Bangla Border; and

(d) by when a decision is likely to be taken in this matter?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Infiltration of terrorists in J&K

4258. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what action Government are taking to tackle the inflow of terrorists from across the border; and

(b) what are Government's plans to change the general perception of Kashmir not being safe for either investment or travel?

Relaxation for additional constructions in DDA flats

†4259. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the Delhi Development Authority have presently given relaxation to the residents for additional construction in their flats, but in those places where D.D.A. colonies and the staff of Delhi Police deputed are extorting money, especially from the residents of Mayur Vihar Phase-III, New Delhi; and

(b) if so, whether Delhi Police proposes to take action against the S.H.O. and other employees so as to save the said residents from police exploitation?

Fencing of Indo-Bangladesh Border

4260. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any request from the Government of Tripura to ensure quick completion of the fencing work on the Indo-Bangladesh Border in Tripura to prevent the entry of anti-Indian insurgents from Bangladesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps have been/are proposed to be taken in this regard to seal the porous and vulnerable border to improve the security scenario?

Special grants to review macro-strategies of security forces in J&K

4261. SHRI MOOLCHAND

MEENA:

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Centre and Jammu and Kashmir Government have decided to set up a special group that will review existing 'Macro-strategies' of security forces and intelligence agencies engaged in counter-terrorism operations;

(b) if so, to what extent this group will help to improve security in State;

(c) whether there has been exodus of almost all minority communities;

(d) if so, whether inspite of assurances given by Centre and State, there is no minority at present staying in Jammu and Kashmir; and

(e) if so, to what extent these new measures have helped to improve security in the State?

Peace talks with Kashmiri militants

4262. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have contingency plans to improve the peace talks plan with Kashmiri militants in view of the recent murder of Ex. Hizbul Commander Abdul Mazed Dar;

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- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
 (c) the present status of Padmanabhan-Hizb talks?

**Terrorists arrested under POTA in
 - J&K**

†4263. SHRI LAJPAT RAI:
 SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some terrorists had been arrested till February, 2003 in Jammu and Kashmir under Prevention Of Terrorism Act;

(b) if so, the total number thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the charges levelled under the said Act have now been withdrawn against a number of terrorists out of these; and

(d) if so, the number of persons against whom charges under Prevention Of Terrorism Act had been withdrawn together with the reasons therefor?

Increase in naxalites incidents

†4264. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI:
 Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for increase in incidents of naxalites in Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Maharashtra; and

(b) whether amount provided by Central Government from time to time for tackling naxalism and strengthening the police force has been properly and completely utilised?

Communal riots

†4265. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI:
 Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) number of communal riots erupted during the last five years and loss of life and property in such riots;

(b) incidents of communal tension and riots during the last five years in Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Maharashtra and loss of life and property in such incidents; and

(c) whether Government are contemplating on constituting any other anti-riot force in addition to Rapid Action Force; if so, progress made in this regard so far?

**Traffic blockade due to VVIP
 movements**

4266. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether VVIP movements in the capital have become a public nuisance because of long spells of traffic blockade;

(b) whether in a recent instance, students on way to appear for their CBSE Examinations, were held up on way because of VVIP traffic blockade and are asked to reappear for the exams by the CBSE; and

(c) whether Government are aware of the severe inconvenience caused to the common man on way to hospitals and railway stations etc., because of traffic blockade for VVIP movements?

IPS officers involved in crimes

†4267. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
 SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI:
 SHRIMATI PREMA
 CARIAPPA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

been drawn towards involvement of IPS officers in many crimes in various States of the country;

(b) if so, whether there is a fear amongst public in the country due to involvement of senior officers in serious offences;

(c) if so, the number of such cases come to the Government's notice; and

(d) the reaction of Government in this regard?

Terrorist incidents

4268. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL:
DR. ABRAR AHMED:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) number of terrorist incidents occurred in Jammu and Kashmir during the last three years till 31st March, 2003 alongwith the number of terrorists killed and names of their outfits, number of civilians and number of soldiers of security forces martyred in such incidents;

(b) the details of the fresh steps taken by Government to check terrorism and whether it has yielded any results; and

(c) whether 'POTA' has been successful in checking terrorism indicating its role therein?

NHRC orders on police torture

4269. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NHRC ordered to U.P. Government to pay Rs. 5 lakh to a victim of police torture last year-end;

(b) if so, the complete details of this case;

(c) the details of such incidents in different parts of the country that have come to the notice of NHRC;

(d) the stringent action taken against such shameful incidents; and

(e) the steps taken by the NHRC to stop recurrence of such incidents in the country?

Insurgency in Nagaland

4270. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons killed and wounded on account of Naga insurgency during last five years;

(b) how many of those, killed and wounded during Naga insurgency, were security personnel; and

(c) the number of Naga insurgents killed and wounded during last five years?

Exploration/exploitation of minerals in Andhra Pradesh

4271. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY
SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh has made any request to the Ministry to encourage private participation in exploration and exploitation of the available 48 major and minor mines in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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

Zinc smelters set up in the country

4272. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of zinc smelters set up in the country and location thereof;

(b) whether Government have a proposal to promote the zinc smelters in the country;

(c) if so, the incentives proposed to be granted to the zinc smelters; and

(d) the details thereof?

Use of solar energy for lighting and cooking in the rural areas

4273. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any scheme to optimize the use of solar energy for lighting and cooking in the rural areas;

(b) if so, whether the private sector companies have shown interest in manufacturing these solar cookers and solar lamps;

(c) if so, whether Government are contemplating to provide incentive for the use of wind power for producing light etc.; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

National Project for Improved Chullahs (NPIC) in Uttaranchal

4274. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the budget allocation for the National Project for Improved Chullahs (NPIC) for Uttaranchal from its inception to date;

(b) the amount utilised during this period;

(c) the nodal agency which is monitoring the working of the project; and

(d) the steps taken/to be taken to ensure implementation of the project?

Expanding use of non-conventional energy in A.P.

4275. SHRI S.M. LAL JAN BASHA: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications received from Andhra Pradesh NGOs to offer to hold exhibitions highlighting the uses of non-conventional energy and various equipments in 2001-2002 and 2002-2003;

(b) the response of Government to such requests;

(c) whether any system has been put in place to help such interests; and

(d) the details of action taken by Government to expand use of non-conventional energy?

Rice husk ash based power generation plants

4276. SHRI S.M. LAL JAN BASHA: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government extends some subsidy for power generation from rice husk ash;

(b) the details of the subsidy given for this kind of energy;

(c) whether Government will enhance subsidy for this specific kind of non-conventional energy generation to help farmers;

(d) the steps proposed to consider encouraging the establishment of more rice husk ash based power generation plants; and

(e) the details of such schemes available for entrepreneurs?

Tapping of wind energy for power production

4277. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

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

(a) whether there is great potential in tapping Wind Energy for power production;

(b) if so, what is the total cost of production involved to set up small commercial wind generated power plants; and

(c) whether Government intends to introduce more subsidies for the cost of production to make wind generated power plants more economically viable for commercial purpose?

Conducting exhibitions for popularising the non-conventional energy sources

4278. SHRI S.M. LAL JAN BASHA: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all exhibitions are conducted only through the assistance of various Non-Conventional Energy Development Corporation of Andhra Pradesh's or State Government agencies;

(b) if so, the reasons for such total dependence on the State machinery;

(c) whether it is a fact that many State Government agencies are not qualified to hold good and attractive exhibitions to popularise non-conventional energy; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed by Government to find alternate ways to have small exhibitions all over the country for popularising non-conventional energy?

Development of fuel cell energy sources

4279. SHRI SHANKAR ROY CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether research into development of fuel cell energy sources as alternative to hydro-carbon fuels for motor transport is being conducted in the country;

(b) if so, the institutions where such research is being conducted and funds allotted for such research;

(c) the extent of progress achieved till date; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Declaring November 1st as General Holiday

4280. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that November 1st every year is being celebrated as Kannada Rajyothsava Day throughout Karnataka;

(b) if so, the reasons for not declaring November 1st as General Holiday for all Central Government Offices throughout Karnataka in 2003; and

(c) to facilitate Kannadigas working in Central Government Offices to celebrate this historic occasion, will the Government declare November 1st, 2003 as General Holiday for all Central Government Offices?

Corruption at State PSCs

4281. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a number of instances of various State Public Service Commission bartering Government jobs for fortunes;

(b) if so, what are the number of such cases including the names of State Public Service Commission;

(c) whether Government propose to explore the feasibility of making legislative intervention to stem the rot; and

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

Expansion of CAT

†4282. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN
SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to expand the scope of Central Administrative Tribunal;

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

(c) whether the said Tribunal has requested to add certain new more departments under its jurisdiction; and

(d) if so, the details of the said departments?

Bifurcation of PCS cadre

†4283. SHRI B.P. SINGHAL: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have not bifurcated the Uttar Pradesh Civil Services (PCS) as yet despite the creation of Uttaranchal State;

(b) if so, the reasons for not bifurcating the cadre; and

(c) by when Government will bifurcate the PCS cadre between the two States?

Enhancing the power generating capacity of Kayamkulam Thermal Power Station

4284. SHRI N.K. PREMA-CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to enhance the generating capacity of Kayamkulam Thermal Power Station in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government proposes to construct a new port in Alappuzha District in Kerala, for the transportation of fuel to the Thermal Power Station;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the NTPC proposes to undertake transmission?

Electrification of houses under Kutir Jyoti Programme

4285. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of houses electrified under Kutir Jyoti Programme during the last three years;

(b) the progress of electrification under Kutir Jyoti Programme, year-wise and State-wise, particularly in U.P.;

(c) the number of houses eligible to come under this programme; and

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi. (d) the reason for tardy progress in

bringing electricity to the poor and the remedy considered to be undertaken in this regard?

Proposals for power projects in Karnataka

4286. SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Power Project proposals received from Government of Karnataka (Government/Private Sectors);
- (b) how many proposals are cleared and how many proposals are pending (Government/Private Sectors); and
- (c) the reasons for pendency?

Techno-economic clearance by CEA

4287. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of private sector power projects which were given techno-economic clearance by the Central Electricity Authority and what is their capacity;
- (b) which projects have since been commissioned alongwith their generation capacity in M.W.; and
- (c) which projects are under consideration and by when these are likely to be given approval?

Setting up power projects in Gujarat

4288. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Gujarat Government has requested for more share of power from central pool;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have received any proposal/request to setup a new power project in the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Demand and supply of power in Gujarat

4289. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) the current demand and supply position of power in the State of Gujarat; and
- (b) the steps Government have taken to meet the full demand of power of the State?

Villages electrified in U.P.

4290. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of villages in the State of U.P. which have been electrified and pumpsets energised on the 31st March, 2003;
- (b) the number of villages in District Azamgarh which are yet to be electrified and by when these are likely to be covered; and
- (c) what steps have been taken to ensure that electricity supply is continuously provided to the villagers during harvesting season?

Hydro-power projects under construction

†4291. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of hydro-power projects under construction in the country at present alongwith their total capacity;

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(b) the number of hydro-power projects likely to be started in this year; and

(c) the quantum of power estimated to be generated from such projects?

Equal distribution of extra unallocated power

4292. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in accordance with the Indus-Water Treaty and consequent agreement on sharing the water of Sutluj, Ravi and Beas rivers of 1984, the participating States were to get equal distribution of extra-unallocated Power generated by the various Thermal Power Stations;

(b) if so, whether Rajasthan is getting its fair share of the extra-unallocated power from these power stations; and

(c) if not, then how would Government ensure that all participating States adhere to the initial agreement and that all States get fair distribution of the same?

Production capacity of power project in eastern region

†4293. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the production capacity of the power producing projects of eastern region are more than the need for consumption of power in that region;

(b) if so, the need for consumption of power in eastern region during 2002-2003;

(c) the power production capacity installed in this region till December, 2002; and

(d) the plan of Government to use the surplus power available in this region?

Free power connection under Kutir Jyoti Yojana in Uttaranchal

4294. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Uttaranchal Government propose to release free power connection to poor families under the Kutir Jyoti Yojana during 2002-2003;

(b) if so, the financial help that has been or would be provided by the Centre to the State for the purpose; and

(c) whether any other plan is on anvil under the Rural Electrification Schemes in the State?

Shortage of power in Maharashtra

4295. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government is aware that there is a shortage of electricity in Maharashtra and need for a additional electricity projects;

(b) if so, Government's response thereto and planning to give additional electricity;

(c) whether it is a fact that there is no provision for Energy Project in Tenth Five Year Plan for Maharashtra State; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Activities of power racketeers

4296. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that power racketeers are financing unauthorised colonies in various parts of the country causing huge losses;

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(b) if so, what are the estimated losses due to this; and

(c) what steps are being taken to prevent power thefts?

Shortage of power in Karnataka

4297. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an acute shortage of power in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the power generated by Karnataka State through its internal sources and total consumption, total supply of power from neighbouring States and Central grids;

(d) the details of power projects being run with the World Bank assistance in Karnataka for the last three years, year-wise; and

(e) the details of concrete steps taken by Government to improve the supply of power in the State?

Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE)

4298. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bureau of Energy Efficiency has prepared an action plan/detailed strategy in connection with energy conservation;

(b) if so, the details of the action plan/detailed strategy prepared by the BEE;

(c) whether the BEE has also recommended to advice the States to implement the energy conservation measures in their Government buildings and establishments; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Setting up thermal power project at the pit head of coal mines

4299. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been contemplating set up thermal power projects at the pit heads of large coal mines in the country; and

(b) the salient details of the proposals being pursued, including the sizes of the projects, volume and types of investments envisaged and time-frame for implementation?

New power plants of NTPC

4300. SHRI B.J. PANDA:

MISS MABEL REBELLO:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of New Power Plants of NTPC costing Rs. 5000 crores as reported in the media;

(b) the additional power to be generated and the places where new power projects would be set up; and

(c) how far it would benefit Delhi and if so, by when?

Progress of Galibaha-Chamurkha-Jafrapur road, U.P. under PMGSY

4301. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of projects sanctioned and money released under PMGSY to Uttar Pradesh in general and Sultanpur district in particular during the last three years;

(b) out of above, the number of projects completed and money utilised so far;

(c) the progress of Galibaha-Chamurkha-Jafrapur road in Kurebhar Block of Sultanpur district, being constructed under PMGSY with details of road length, amount sanctioned and utilised, so far; and

(d) the steps being taken for speedy and quality execution of above road as well as other roads of the State?

Rural Technology Park in Hyderabad

4302. SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMA-CHANDRAYYA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether in a bid to showcase latest innovative technologies even for small and marginal farmers, small entrepreneurs in rural areas, National Institute of Rural Development has proposed to develop Rural Technology Park in Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether State Government has allotted about 65 acres of land for the purpose;

(c) whether Central agencies like Council for Advancement of People's Action and Rural Technologies under Ministry has agreed to provide funds for the purpose;

(d) if so, what will be the main purpose of this park; and

(e) to what extent it will be helpful to rural population?

Adequate Publicity to rural development schemes

4303. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that adequate publicity is not given to various schemes under his Ministry;

(b) if so, whether it is proposed to give adequate publicity in the electronic media about the schemes;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Veracity of persons included in BPL list

†4304. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had conducted any survey to identify the reasons for living in acute poverty;

(b) whether a number of well off persons too have shown themselves as extremely poor in the survey; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to take stringent action in this regard this time?

Setting up of district level vigilance Committees by States

†4305. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the direction given to States by him to set up the District-level Vigilance Committees headed by the Members of Parliament has been implemented;

(b) if so, the names of States where the District-level Committees have been set up and the names and placed where it has not been set up till now; and

(c) the reasons thereof and by when it is likely to be constituted?

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Financial powers to Panchayati Raj Institutions

4306. SHRI MANOJ BHATTA-CHARYA:

SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have prepared a roadmap for the complete devolution of powers including the grant of financial autonomy to the Panchayati Raj Institutions to ensure complete democracy at the grassroot level;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that some States have shown ambivalence in implementing the Central guidelines in this regard; and

(d) if so, the names of the States and their reservation in the matter?

Rural Housing Scheme for Assam

4307. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any specific policy for providing houses to the homeless people of rural areas in the State of Assam;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total fund proposed to be allocated by Government during the current year for the State?

Employment assurance programme in Rajasthan

4308. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the financial allocation

made under the Employment Assurance Programme to Rajasthan during each of the last three years, District-wise;

(b) the details of amount actually spent on the said programme during the same period;

(c) the reasons for the shortfall; and

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

PMGSY in Rajasthan

4309. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of target fixed for the construction of rural roads under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana for Rajasthan during the year 2002-2003;

(b) whether the target has since been achieved;

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

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Rural Development Schemes sponsored by Central Government

4310. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the different rural development schemes approved by the Central Government so far;

(b) the funds allocated for those States in 2002-2003;

(c) the State/Union Territory-wise and scheme-wise details thereof along with the funds released/ utilised and remained unspent so far; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to ensure for proper utilization of funds under the States?

Rural development in J&K

4311. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have taken any steps to give push to rural development;
- (b) if so, details thereof; and
- (c) to what extent this will improve the living conditions of rural people especially in Jammu and Kashmir State?

National Policy on barren land management

4312. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to formulate National Policy on barren land management;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the salient features of the policy?

Drinking water to villages of Shimla

†4313. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have received applications of people of three villages Thali, Jangla and Badiyara under Chadaon Tehsil of Shimla district in Himachal Pradesh as well as the proposal passed by gram panchayat, Jangla for providing drinking water to these villages;
- (b) the action being taken by Government thereon and by when drinking water will be provided to these villages;
- (c) whether Government have received any application from the residents of Thali village as well as the proposal passed by the panchayat for connecting their village with

metallic road under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana; and

- (d) if so, action being taken thereon?

Funds allocated to Uttaranchal under employment schemes

†4314. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of funds allocated to Uttaranchal till date under the Jawahar Grameen Rojgar Yojana since the creation of the said State;
- (b) the details of employment opportunities created under the said scheme in the State during the said period; and
- (c) the district-wise number of persons in the State benefited under the said scheme?

Utilisation of grants for anti-poverty programmes

4315. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the entire grants provided to each State by Government for anti-poverty programmes such as Swarn Jayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana, Jawahar Samridhi Yojana and other schemes has not been utilised; and
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor?

Funds released under DRDA schemes to Uttar Pradesh

4316. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Central share of funds

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under various DRDA schemes such as JGSY, SGSY, EAS etc. allotted and released by Government for the State of Uttar Pradesh during the last three years and till-date; and

(b) the reasons for not releasing the Central share of funds under the schemes to the State?

Rashtriya Gram Udyog Yojana

4317. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated/released and remained unspent under the scheme Rashtriya Gram Udyog Yojana till March, 2002, State wise and component-wise;

(b) the details of areas which have been given importance under the scheme;

(c) whether the reports regarding achievements in this regard have been received from the State Governments; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Conference on review of rural development programmes

4318. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a conference was held to review the rural development programmes;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the outcome of the meeting;

(c) whether any new proposals were discussed; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Decline in Textile exports

4319. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the main reasons for

continuous decline in India's textile exports; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to boost its export?

Reimbursement of CENVAT on hank yarn

4320. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has approved a scheme with outlay of Rs. 418 crore towards reimbursement of CENVAT on hank yarn;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how many workers in the handloom sector will benefit from it and the extent it will mitigate cost disadvantage of yarn?

Interests of textile sector

4321. SHRIMATI SHABANA AZMI: DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the survey among textile exporters reveals that the Finance Ministry has not really looked at the interests of the textile sector which is the main engine of growth today, as reported in the media;

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

(c) whether number of concessions were provided in the budget for textiles;

(d) if so, whether the Government is considering to give further concessions to the textile units;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) by when, it is being announced?

**Adjustment of surplus officials of
NTC headquarters in zones**

4322. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the surplus officials of the NTC headquarters will be adjusted in the zones; if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) the criteria to choose the officials in the zones; and

(c) whether the proposal submitted by the NTC management has been taken into consideration; if so, with results thereof and if not, reason therefor?

Closure of textile mills

4323. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of textile mills closed during 2001-02 and 2002-03;

(b) the so, the reasons for closure of these mills;

(c) the number of labourers becoming jobless due to closure of these mills; and

(d) whether Government has any proposal to revive these closed mills; and

(e) if not, reasons therefor?

**Export of man-made textiles and
readymade garments**

4324. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA
RAO:
SHRIMATI N. P. DURGA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the total export of man-made textiles and readymade garments during the last five years, year-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that Kelkar

Committee has recommended for imposing 12-16 per cent unit excise duty for this sector;

(c) if so, the details of the recommendations made by Kelkar Committee; and

(d) how it affects the textiles export?

**Workers engaged in hand processed
dye-printing in textile industries in
Rajasthan**

4325. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether more than one lakh workers are engaged in the hand processed dye-printing in textile industries of Balotra in Rajasthan;

(b) whether these industries are facing serious crisis and are on the verge of closure;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the entrepreneurs of these industries have highlighted their problems to Government;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the action contemplated by Government to redress their grievances?

**Preventive measures against import of
cotton**

4326. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the fact that Bt. Cotton field fell far below expectations, and the failure to relieve the cotton grower of the debt burden, Government have considered the imposing of preventive measures against imports of cotton, including heavy import duty;

(b) if so, the decision that has been taken in this regard; and

(c) the steps taken and being taken to implement the same?

(d) the average annual production in monetary terms in the units of each of these sector?

Strike by silk reellers in Karnataka

4327. SHRI H. K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Silk reellers in Karnataka State resorted to strike demanding banning of import of Cheap China Silk, if so, the details of demand;

(b) whether it is also a fact that due to strike no one come forward to purchase/ buy the cocoons from the farmers, threw their cocoons on roads and incurred losses; and

(c) if so, the steps Government proposes to take to stop the import of Cheap China Silk and to save the farmers in the country?

Units of Textile Industries

†4328. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: SHRI LAJPAT RAI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made an assessment with regard to the number of units of cottage industries, small scale industries and heavy industries in textile stitching industry;

(b) if so, the number of units of each of the abovesaid sectors in the country during 2002;

(c) the average number of persons working in the units of each sector; and

Closure of Elgin Company

†4329. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) by when Kanpur based closed Elgin Company would become operational again;

(b) the manner in which VRS offered by the company and workers' future will be determined;

(c) the explanation for payment under VRS; and

(d) whether there is any scheme for future with regard to workers' employment after VRS offered to them by the company?

Persons working in Textile Industry

†4330. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH LALAN:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made an assessment of number of persons working in textile industry at the end of Ninth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, what is the number thereof and the number of persons working in mill sector, powerloom sector and handloom sector, separately; and

(c) what is the average income of a labourer working in each of the above said sectors?

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**Promotion without approval in the
office of Development Commissioner
Handicraft**

4331. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:
Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased
to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that
certain officials belonging to SC category
in the office of Development Commissioner
handicrafts have been deprived of their

promotion without the approval of the
competent authority;

(b) whether Government had received
any representation from the affected
officials and if so, the details thereof and
action taken thereon; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that relevant
file of this case has been deliberately destroyed
and if so action Government have taken
against the official found guilty in the case?

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