

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Wednesday, the July 30, 2003/Sravana 8, 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—150

Losses incurred by collieries in Government sector

†1027. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN
SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI LAJPAT RAI:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased
to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that collieries under
Government sector are constantly running
in losses;

(b) if so, the total amount of loss to these
collieries during the years 2000-2001,
2001-2002 and 2002-2003; and

(c) the capital investment made by the
Government in collieries industry till 2003
alongwith the loan amount due by these
collieries?

Capacity utilisation by coal washeries

†1028. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN
SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased
to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that coal washeries
are being run in Government sector in the
country;

(b) if so, the total number of coal
washeries by March, 2003 and their total
production capacity;

(c) whether it is also a fact that these
washeries have operated at less than their
capacity during years 2000-2001,
2001-2002 and 2002-2003; and

(d) if so, the percentage of utilization of
their installed production capacity each year?

Recruitment in coal sector

1029. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the
Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any embargo on
recruitment in coal sector;

(b) whether it is a fact that for years
casual workers are being engaged; and

(c) if so, the action Government have
taken to regularise the casual workers after
stipulated 240 days?

Steps to boost loss making subsidiaries of C.I. L.

1030. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will
the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified
the loss making subsidiaries of Coal India
Ltd. (CIL);

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) if so, what are those subsidiaries and the loss sustained by them each, annually during last three years; and

(c) the steps taken to improve the performance of loss making coal companies?

Investigation into accident at Murpar Coal mines

1031. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Singareni Collieries Ltd. has made investigation into the accident on 28th January, at Murpar Coal mines;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether proper compensation has been provided to the victims of accident;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor;

(f) whether any officer has been found guilty during the enquiry; and

(g) if so, the action taken against these officials?

Co-operation in mining with foreign countries

† 1032. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the countries with which agreements for co-operation have been arrived at for mining rare commodities like 'slates' in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) the benefits derived by the State as a result thereof; and

(c) the details of the co-operation by India with other countries in mining?

Production of clean coal

† 1033. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government is going to introduce a pilot project to make clean coal (coal with zero pollution);

(b) if so, whether this project will be launched in Bihar;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Illegal occupation of staff quarters of South Eastern Coalfields

1034. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a member of Legislative Assembly is occupying a number of staff quarters at Birsighpur Colony of Johila area under South Eastern Coalfields;

(b) if yes, the number of quarters under his occupation with date of occupation of each;

(c) whether any penal rent is being realised from the occupant;

(d) if yes, the amount thereof; and

(e) if no, the reasons therefor?

Operation "Sarp Vinash" in J&K

1035. SHRI SHANKAR ROY CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Intelligence agencies provided adequate, accurate, and timely information about the existence of militant bases in the Hill Kaka region of Jammu and Kashmir;

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) whether there was inordinate delay in acting on the information so provided to launch operation for clearance of the areas (Operation Sarp Vinash); and

(c) whether it is a fact that large number of militants have dispersed from the Hill Kaka region to establish similar bases in other areas of Jammu and Kashmir, especially Doda-Kishtwar?

MiG-21 crash in Barmer district Rajasthan

1036. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a MiG-21 aircraft of Indian Air Force crashed in Barmer District of Rajasthan on 4th June, 2003 killing its sole pilot;

(b) whether an enquiry has been ordered into this crash;

(c) when the report of enquiry is expected; and

(d) steps being taken to minimize such air crashes in future?

MiG-21 crashes

1037. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether yet another MiG-21 aircraft crashed in first week of June, 2003 near Barmer in Rajasthan;

(b) the number of such aircraft crashed and pilots killed in current calendar year;

(c) the causes of these crashes;

(d) whether Government is thinking of phasing out these aircrafts; and

(e) if so, how long it will take?

Steps to prevent infiltration

1038. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO:

SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan sponsored terrorist outfits were making their leases and digging hideouts in Hilkaka and surrounding ridges and passes along the Western slopes of Pir Panjal range in Jammu and Kashmir for the last many years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) when these developments came to the notice of Indian Armed Forces;

(d) what were the reasons for the failure of our intelligence in such important areas; and

(e) the action taken and proposed to be taken by Government to prevent such infiltration and abuse of our border areas by terrorists?

MiG variants inducted into IAF

1039. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the different variants of MiG aircraft inducted into the Indian Air Force since 1962 till date;

(b) the types of engines used in these different types of aircraft;

(c) whether it is fact that the Ministry is seriously thinking of phasing out some of the variants of MiG; and

(d) if yes, the types of variants that are going to phased out by Air Force?

Lapses in the process of defence procurement

1040. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR:
PROF. M. SANKARA-LINGAM:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) has detected eleven serious lapses in the process of defence procurement;

(b) if yes, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is found that the manner in which defence deals are being signed is against common prudence and established norms?

Financial reward to soldiers from Orissa

1041. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Government of Orissa has honoured the soldiers of the State for exemplary bravery by providing them further financial incentives;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Defence authorities have contributed to the consolidated amount so distributed by the State to the Defence personnel and if so, the details thereof?

Fidayeen attack at Sunjivan army camp

1042. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA:
SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether recent Fidayeen attack on the Sunjivan army camp in Jammu killing 12 Jawans and wounding many more reveals a serious lapse of security; and

(b) if so, the details of the incident and the action taken to boost up the security of our military installations based in J&K?

Pace of modernisation of Indian navy

1043. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL:
Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to Unstarred Question 4203 given in the Rajya Sabha on 30th April, 2003 and state:

(a) the total amount allocated for modernisation of Indian navy surrendered during last five years;

(b) the reasons for slow progress in some projects;

(c) whether Government will be able to make up the slow progress in the projects; and

(d) if so, on what basis and if not, the reasons therefor?

Situation along LoC

1044. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the situation at the Line of Control between India and Pakistan continues to be alarming as our troops were encountering from across the LoC trying to sneak into Indian side and unleash violence;

(b) whether intelligence reports from across the border indicate that thousands of militants are being trained in camps in Pakistan occupied Kashmir; and

(c) whether necessary steps have been taken to meet the situation?

(d) the total estimated cost involved in this missile testing programme?

Liquor supply to armed forces

1045. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Confederation of Indian Alcoholic Beverage Companies stopped supplies of liquor to armed forces;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to ensure uninterrupted supply of liquor to armed forces particularly those posted in forward areas?

Acquisition of warships from Russia

1046. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has decided to acquire three warships from Russia; and

(b) if so, the dates of delivery of these ships to India?

Performance of the recent test firing of various missiles

1047. SHRI CHO S. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) how many test firing of various types of missiles have taken place in this year;

(b) what is the level of success of these missile testing;

(c) what type of missiles are being inducted into the armed forces after successful trials; and

Weapon Locating Radar

1048. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to procure Weapon Locating Radars (WLR);

(b) if so, the steps taken in that regard;

(c) whether any step has also been taken to produce WLR indigenously; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Investment on infrastructural facilities by HAL

1049. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that HAL is planning to invest about Rs. 900 crores in the next 2-3 years to set up machinery and other infrastructural facilities of Sukhoi-30, MKI, LCA and International Jet Trainer Projects;

(b) if so, the break-up of investment on different projects mentioned above; and

(c) when the Sukhoi-30 will roll out and is going to be inducted into the Indian Air Force?

Immortalising brave martyrs

† 1050. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no mention of brave martyrs, who laid their lives in the past wars, in any of war memorials in India while British Government have engraved the names of

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

those Indian soldiers, who were killed during the Second World War, on the memorial established in London two years back in the memory of those soldiers;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to engrave the names of soldiers, who laid down their lives in 1948, 1962, 1971 and Kargil war, at public places; and

(c) if so, the roadmap thereof; if not, the reasons therefor?

Shifting of IL-76 aircraft squadron to Nagpur AFS

1051. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to shift the IL-76 transport aircraft squadron based at the Agra Air Force Station to Nagpur Air Force Station;

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

(c) whether Government propose to develop Nagpur Air Force Station to accommodate this change; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Export of ALH

1052. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether two indigenously built Advanced Light Helicopters had been sent to Paris for taking part in Air Show held from June 15 to 22;

(b) if so, whether India is in a position to sell this type of helicopters to other countries; and

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

Efficacy of NCC training

1053. SHRIMATI N. P. DURGA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether question has been raised in annual conference of NCC Directors about the efficacy of training being imparted to the National Cadet Corps (NCC);

(b) whether the selection of NCC Cadets in Armed Forces has come down;

(c) if so, the reasons for the same; and

(d) the steps being taken to improve the training in NCC?

Agreement with Israel regarding weapon system

1054. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether agreement has been reached between India and Israel to invest 100 million dollar in the development of Arrow II weapon system;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the defence agreement signed between two countries during last three years; and

(d) the amount involved in these deals?

Lack of storage facilities for explosives

† 1055. SHRI ABHAY KANT PRASAD: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to news-item captioned, "Daid lakh tonne gola barud rakhne ki vyavastha nahin" which appeared in the media recently;

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

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(c) whether this problem has been caused due to the increasing incidents of fire in Ordnance depots; and

(d) if so, what remedial steps are being taken by Government in this regard?

Upgrading skills of NCC cadets

1056. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds released to various States and Union Territories, particularly to Andhra Pradesh for National Cadet Corps;

(b) whether Government have started new schemes/programmes to upgrade the skills of NCC cadets in view of the development in recent years in arms and warfare technics to improve defence preparedness of the nation;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the details of such programmes proposed to be introduced by Government for NCC cadets, especially in the field of defence related information technology?

Bagga Committee Report

1057. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bagga Committee set up by Government for Assured Career Progression, for army officers and to examine a proposal for restructuring of officers cadre in the Army has submitted its Report to the Government;

(b) if so, the main recommendations made-therein; and

(c) the time by which this report is likely to be implemented?

Steps to promote employment opportunities for ex-servicemen

1058. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Directorate General of Resettlement is going to provide training to ex-servicemen to enhance the employment options in Corporate Sector for retiring and Short Service Commissioned Officers;

(b) if so, the duration of the training course; and

(c) by when it is likely to commence and who will bear the expenses in this regard?

Sub-standard supplies by Ordnance factories

1059. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the recent report of the CAG the Ordnance factories are supplying sub-standard ammunition to armed forces;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to conduct a thorough inquiry into the working of Ordnance depots and Ordnance factories through an independent Committee; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Delay in defence procurement

1060. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Defence acquisition contracts are suffering inordinate

delays due to prevalence of "atmosphere of fear" and thus adversely affecting the Defence preparedness of the country especially due to belligerent environment existing in our borders;

(b) if so, whether this delay is attributable to some 'built-in' clause in acquisition procedure or it has assumed this proportion especially after the Tehelka scam when a proactive role of Chief Vigilance Commission was sought; and

(c) whether the in-house vigilance is ineffective especially in sensitive deals?

Comparative study on aircraft accidents

1061. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Defence/ Indian Air Force have done a comparative study of the aircraft accidents in India and other countries of the world;

(b) if so, what is the comparative aircraft sortie to accident ratio in India and other countries of the world; and

(c) if not, the reasons for not undertaking the study?

Corruption in C.S.D.

1062. SHRI PRAFUL PATEL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of widespread corruption in the Canteen Stores Department regarding purchase of various items that are canalized through this organization;

(b) if so, whether the norms for the purchase of the alcoholic beverages are consistent with overall purchase policies or

whether there are different norms governing such purchases; and

(c) whether the Servicemen are receiving their wide choice of products that are available in the market or whether the Canteen Stores Department purchase organization is restricting the choice through their restrictive purchase policies?

Re-establishment of Ahir Regiment

†1063. SHRI D. P. YADAV: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to re-establish Ahir Regiment which had been dissolved under a conspiracy for revolting against British Regime; and

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

India-Australia defence cooperation

1064. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the first week of June, an Australian Naval Ship HMAs Adelaide had docked in Chennai Port for joint naval exercise with the Indian Navy;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to strengthen the relationship between Australia and India for Defence cooperation; and;

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Bharat Electronics Ltd.

1065. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bharat Electronics Ltd., is posed to become Rs. 5,000 crore PSU;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) if so, what are its past achievements and future plans; and

(c) its achievements in the export field during the year 2002-2003 and expected future growth in the current fiscal?

Hide-outs of militants in neighbouring countries

1066. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps the Central Government contemplate to take in regard to the hide-outs of the militants of the North-Eastern States in the neighbouring countries;

(b) whether the Central Government have any plan to persuade the extremist groups to surrender; and

(c) the extent of success made so far?

Measures for prevention of communal riots

1067. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY:

SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that communal flare-ups of severe nature are on the rise in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the number of such incidents during the last three years with details of life and property lost in each incident;

(c) whether there is demand for codifying measures for prevention of communal riots and provision of relief and rehabilitation assistance to the victims and for making it mandatory to establish Citizens' peace Committees in every district and police station area;

(d) if so, what are the details and the reaction of Government thereto;

(e) the number of people arrested and number of cases charged against; and

(f) the present status of the cases alongwith details thereof?

Legislation to facilitate construction of Ram Temple

1068. DR. ABRAR AHMED:

SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to bring in legislation to facilitate the construction of Ram Temple at Ayodhya; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Dual citizenship

1069. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 122 given in the Rajya Sabha on 19th February, 2003 and state:

(a) whether the details and other modalities with regard to Government's decision to grant dual citizenship under the Citizenship Act, 1955 to Persons of Indian Origin, who have acquired citizenship of certain countries, have since been finalized;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if the reply to part(a) above be in the negative, by when a final decision in the matter is likely to be taken?

Narcotics-arms link on the borders of J&K and Punjab

1070. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that ISI had revived narcotics, arms

link on the borders with J&K and Punjab; and

(b) the steps Government have taken to deal with situation?

Authorisation of religious leaders for solving Ayodhya dispute

1071. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:
DR. ABRAR AHMED:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government have authorised any religious leader to help resolve the Ram Janma Bhoomi-Babri Masjid dispute amicably; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Survey of religious places of minorities in Kerala

1072. SHRI N. R. DASARI:
SHRI V. V. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a survey of mosques and churches in Kerala has been conducted recently;

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

(c) whether such survey on minority religious institutions is being conducted in other States also; if so, the details thereof?

Irregularities in MCD tenders

1073. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 81 contracts for development works were allotted to certain contractor in Division 28, of the

Engineering Department between January to March, 2003 without completing necessary formalities; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken against the officials of M.C.D. and tender mafia?

Bungling in allotment of advertisement space by N.D.M.C.

1074. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been irregularities in the allotment of advertisement space on electricity poles awarded by N.D.M.C. in favour of M/s. Adwel Advertiser(P) Ltd. in February 1999, wherein the N.D.M.C. lost more than three crore;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government have taken against the officer concerned in the fraud and whether recovery of the dues has been effected from the contractor and if not, the reasons therefor?

Violence at Marad, Kerala

1075. SHRI A. VIJAYA-
RAGHAVAN:
SHRI K. CHANDRAN
PILLAI:
SHRI GAYA SINGH:
SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:
SHRI N.K. PREMA-
CHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that communal violence erupted at Marad causing loss of

lives and properties during January, 2002; if so, the number of persons murdered;

(b) whether there is any attempt to rehabilitate the refugees at Marad, Kerala after the Marad Massacre during May, 2003;

(c) if so, the details including the action taken for Communal symbiosis at Marad;

(d) whether many suspects were taken under custody and got on to the trials of the culprits;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) the action taken to inquire the Marad Massacre; and

(g) the details of steps taken to prevent such incidents in future?

Helpline for women

1076. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
SHRI SANTOSH
BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Police has recently started a 24 hour helpline for women;

(b) if so, the response on the same;

(c) whether the same is being done by other States police; and

(d) if so, the details of States/cities that have a similar helpline for women?

Calamity management in the country

1077. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH:
SHRI EKANATH K.
THAKUR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to World Bank report out of 31 States of India, 22 are regarded as disaster prone and 55 per cent of the country's land is vulnerable to earthquakes, eight per cent to cyclones and five per cent to floods;

(b) whether the natural disasters during 1996—2001 had caused a loss of 13.8 billion dollars and eroded two per cent of GDP;

(c) if so, what are Government's assessment thereto; and

(d) what steps have been taken by the Centre in collaboration with the State Governments for calamity management throughout the country?

NHRC's visit to Gujarat

1078. DR. ABRAR AHMED:

SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether NHRC who visited Gujarat recently has submitted any report to Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Overcrowding of Central prisons in country

1079. SHRI CHO S. RAMASWAMY:
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many Central prisons are overcrowded surpassing its limit of intake;

(b) whether it is also a fact that basic amenities provided to the prisoners are adversely affected due to overcrowding;

(c) the reasons for this situation;

(d) what steps are being taken to rectify this situation; and

(e) whether Government propose to construct any additional prisons to control the situation and if so, the details thereof?

Crimes in Vasant Kunj, New Delhi

†1080. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of incidents of theft, decoity, killings and rape in the capital specially in the Posh Colony like Vasant Kunj during the last one year;

(b) whether in order to check these incidents special security arrangement has been made by Government at the residential places adjoining to the Kishan Garh;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Violation of Human Rights in Tamil Nadu

1081. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of petitions received by the National Human Rights Commission regarding violation of Human Rights reported to have taken place in Tamil Nadu during the year 2001-2002 and till date; and

(b) the action taken or proposed to be taken to address those issues?

Naxalites activities in southern India

1082. SHRI CHO S. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the situation of the PWG and naxalite activity in various parts of South India;

(b) how many operations against these groups have been successful;

(c) what steps are being taken to improve the intelligence network to curb these activities;

(d) whether the respective State Governments have approached the Centre for any assistance in this regard; and

(e) if so, the reaction of the Central Government to their requests?

POLNET

1083. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had decided for establishment of a comprehensive police network *viz.* "POLNET" to connect national capital with all the State capitals;

(b) if so, the progress made in the matter so far; and

(c) by when the project is likely to be completed?

Coastal police force in Kerala

1084. SHRI N.K. PREMA-CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to assist the State Governments to set up a coastal police force;

(b) whether any proposal has been received from the Government of Kerala requesting financial assistance for the formation of coastal police force in the State;

(c) if so, whether Government have taken any decision in the matter; and

(d) whether Government propose to accord sanction and to extend the financial assistance for setting up of coastal police force in Kerala?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Pension Scheme for National Awardees

1085. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of people conferred with national awards, including 'Bharat Ratna', are languishing in penury;

(b) if so, whether Government have received representations from such awardees, or on their behalf, for financial assistance;

(c) if so, the details in this regard, with nature of assistance, if any rendered;

(d) whether any survey has been conducted to identify the needy national awardees;

(e) whether Government propose to set up monthly pension scheme, etc., on the lines of "Freedom Fighter Pension";

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

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

Crimes committed by eunuchs in Delhi

1086. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item "Eunuch attack constable with rod in South Delhi" appearing in the media;

(b) if so, what action has been taken against the Eunuch by the Delhi Police;

(c) whether cases relating to murder, extortion, etc., by Eunuch have increased in the NCT of Delhi during the last one year; and

(d) if so, how many cases have been registered against Eunuchs and what action

Delhi Police propose to take against Eunuch associations and anti-social elements to curb crimes in Delhi?

Corpus to deal with natural and man-made disasters

1087. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Report submitted by the Crisis Managing Group in the wake of Gujarat Earthquake, has suggested formation of a Rs. 500 crore corpus to deal with natural and man-made disasters; and

(b) if so, what are the other salient points of the Report and what modalities are to be adopted and mechanism established to implement the agreed suggestions?

Thefts in MPs flats

† 1088. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of incidents of thefts in MP flats at South Avenue during the last six months;

(b) whether police has succeeded in unravelling these incidents, catch the thieves and recover the stolen property; and

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

Crimes by policemen in Delhi

1089. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMAD KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of various crimes by men in uniform are on the rise in the capital as reported in the media;

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(b) if so, the details thereof, indicating the crime cases reported during this year, as on date, month-wise, police station-wise;

(c) the reasons for increase in such crimes; and

(d) the steps contemplated by Government to discipline the police force of the capital city?

Hurriat support to militant groups

1090. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recoveries made from the South Delhi Office of the Kashmir Awareness Bureau have revealed that the Hurriat has been instrumental in providing financial support to militant groups in Kashmir as reported in the media;

(b) if so, whether it has also been helping terrorists currently in Jail; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Activities of MCC and PWG in Orissa

1091. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that activities of banned MCC and PWG outfits in the districts of Malakanagiri, Rayagada, Koraput and Gajapati districts of Orissa are going on unabated;

(b) whether the cash-strapped State of Orissa cannot raise sufficient para-military forces to combat this menace and the State has requested the Centre for help in the matter; and

(c) if so, the help rendered by the Centre in the matter specially to constitute Grey Hound battalions on the pattern of Andhra Pradesh to control these activities?

Proposal to form Southern Economic Zone

1092. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to form a Southern Economic Zone of four States alongwith Union Territory of Pondicherry; and

(b) if so, what is the agenda and scope of this economic zone?

Khosla Commission

† 1093. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the recommendations of Khosla Commission with regard to Delhi Police and those recommendations which have not been implemented till date;

(b) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the Survey report conducted by an institute of psychiatrist "Nimhans" situated in Bangalore;

(c) if so, steps taken by Government till date to make personnel of Delhi Police tension free and the results thereof; and

(d) whether Government propose to take some special steps keeping in view the deplorable condition of Police personnel; if so, by when?

Softening of LoC for people to people contact

1094. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Chief Minister of J and K had suggested recently for "softening" the LoC for people to people contact in J and K

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where families were divided in the aftermaths of the partition and the creation of the LoC; and

(b) if so, Government's stand in this regard?

Grabbing of Government land

1095. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Block Development Officer, Mehrauli (BDO) after inspection of vacant Gaon Sabha land by Panchayat Secretary in Khasra No. 17/23/1(2-14) under Revenue State of Devle Village, has lodged a written complaint (FIR) on 27/2/03 and asked the SHO Sangam Vihar Police Station, South District to register cases under sections 441/447 against the persons/land grabbers trying to capture/grab the Gaon Sabha land (Government Land);

(b) if so, the details of action by SHO, Sangam Vihar police station in this regard and details of land grabbers against whom the cases are registered; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Amicable solution to Ayodhya dispute

1096. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken for amicable settlement of Ayodhya imbroglio to maintain communal harmony in the country;

(b) the steps taken to contain inflammatory utterances from persons/organizations belonging to various faiths; and

(c) the number of persons/organizations booked under the law for making such utterances?

Criteria for grant under NCRF

1097. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria for grant to the States from National Calamity Relief Fund;

(b) the State-wise outlays, year-wise amount released from NCRF and amount utilized during last three years till March, 2003; and

(c) the extent of damage to life, property and crop due to recent floods and erosion in Assam, amount of Central assistance released against the amount demanded by the State?

Cheating of unemployed youths

† 1098. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that a number of rackets are active in the country which are cheating the unemployed youths on the false assurance of providing employments to them in foreign countries;

(b) if so, whether any such rackets has been busted by Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any action has been taken by Government to strictly deal with such rackets; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Amount spent to fight against terrorism in J&K

† 1099. SHRI D.P. YADAV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the total amount spent by Government to fight against terrorism in

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Jammu and Kashmir during the last ten years; and

(b) the total number of common citizens killed and the total property lost during these years?

Deaths due to heat wave

1100. SHRI C. RAMA-CHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that hundreds of poor people died due to intense heat wave in the summer of 2003;

(b) whether it is a fact that the deaths assumed a proportion of catastrophe;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the CM of Andhra Pradesh wrote to Prime Minister to extend financial help to the bereaved families; and

(d) if so, the progress in this direction?

Multiplicity of authorities in Delhi

1101. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that multiplicity of authorities has become the bane of Delhi causing impediments to all developmental works including those relating to water, electricity, environment etc.;

(b) whether Government are also aware of the woes of residents of Delhi who attribute the reason of the malady to this multiplicity; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard and the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

Facilities to families of martyrs

†1102. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people killed by terrorists during last six years in different parts of India including Kashmir;

(b) the number of Army, para-military forces, local police and common citizens killed respectively; and

(c) whether all types of soldiers killed by terrorists have been given the status of martyrs and whether there is any proposal to provide facilities to the families of such martyrs as are provided to the families of soldiers who achieve martyrdom in battle-field?

Terrorist activities in various parts of the country

1103. SHRI CHO. S. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the situation of the terrorist activities in various parts of the country;

(b) how many operations against terrorists have been successful;

(c) what steps are being taken to improve the intelligence network to curb the terrorist operations in the country;

(d) what is the total loss of life and property in the country during this year; and

(e) whether Government propose to provide modern training to the forces to contain terrorism and if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Justice Mukherjee Commission on disappearance of Netaji

1104. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 809 given in the Rajya Sabha on 24th July, 2002 and state whether Justice Mukherjee Commission has submitted its report to the Central Government?

Identity Cards to citizens

1105. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 1216 given in the Rajya Sabha on 7th March, 2001 and state:

(a) the details of the scheme finalized, target set and progress made on the preparation of an inventory of citizens as well as issuing identity cards to the citizens and non-citizens resident in the country; and

(b) the present status of implementation of issuing Work Permit to the non-citizens?

Purulia arms-drop case

1106. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to free Peter Bleach, the key accused in Purulia arms drop case;

(b) whether it is also a fact that British intelligence had passed on prior information to Government of India about plans of Kim Davy to drop arms at Purulia; and

(c) whether Government of India passed the information to Government of West Bengal in time?

Remission of sentence to the accused in Purulia arms-drop case

1107. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has committed to British Government on remission of life sentence on Peter Bleach, accused in the Purulia arms-drop case, through Presidential clemency;

(b) whether the British Prime Minister was given an assurance to this effect by the Indian Deputy Prime Minister on a recent visit to UK; and

(c) how far India has been successful in using political/diplomatic leverage in securing extradition of fugitives wanted in India but now sheltered in foreign countries?

Implementation of Rajiv-Longowal Accord

1108. SHRI KARTAR SINGH DUGGAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state what is the latest position in respect of implementation of Rajiv-Longowal Accord?

Tariff guidelines for renewable energy technologies

1109. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is interacting with the State Electricity Regulatory Commissions to enable an attractive tariff regime for renewables;

(b) whether a fresh set of tariff guidelines for renewable energy technologies are proposed to be framed; and

(c) whether as a result the installed capacity of renewable sources will increase, if so, by how much?

Sanction to the wind power projects of Kerala

1110. SHRI N.K. PREMA-CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal has been pending from the Government of Kerala, requesting sanction for the project of producing power from wind;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of projects sponsored by ANERT in Kerala given sanction during the last two years; and

(d) whether Government has accorded sanction for Ramakkalmedu and Kuruvikkanam projects in Kerala and if so, the stage at which the implementation stands at present?

Installation of solar pumps in Rajasthan

1111. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMAD KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to popularise irrigation related solar pumps in the State of Rajasthan;

(b) the amount of Central subsidy being provided for such solar pump sets;

(c) the number of such solar pump sets installed in the state of Rajasthan during the last three years, year-wise, district-wise; and

(d) the financial allocations for such pumps earmarked during the Tenth Plan period?

Use of solar energy for cooking Mid-day meal in schools

1112. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA:

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

(a) whether the Ministry is intending help to the States in installing solar concentrating cooking system for cooking Mid-day meal scheme in schools; and

(b) if so, the details of States to which this facility has been intended?

Hydrogen as an alternative fuel for domestic use

1113. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are exploring different aspects of Hydrogen, including its production, utilisation and storage as a fuel;

(b) if so, the progress made in the matter so far; and

(c) by when Hydrogen is likely to be available as a safe alternative fuel for domestic use?

Installation capacity of wind energy

1114. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is thinking of a comprehensive policy on the renewable energy to tap the country's wind energy;

(b) if so, the salient features of the proposed policy;

(c) the country's total potential in wind energy;

(d) the present installed capacity of wind energy in the country; State-wise; and

(e) the target set in the Tenth Five Year Plan?

Funds from Netherlands for wind energy projects in Karnataka

1115. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to get funds from Netherlands for a 15 MW wind energy project in Karnataka; and

(b) if so, the extent of funds proposed to be provided by Netherlands?

Gazette notification of Right to Information Bill

†1116. SHRI RAM

JETHMALANI:

SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Parliament has passed a bill related to the Right to Information to common people;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Hon'ble President has given his assent to this bill;

(c) if so, what are the reasons that this bill has not been notified in Gazette of India; and

(d) by when this bill is likely to be notified?

Amendment of Central Civil Services Conduct Rules

†1117. SHRI LAJPAT RAI:

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

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

(a) whether Government have decided to amend Central Civil Services Conduct Rules and All India Services Conduct Rules;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any action so far in this regard?

(c) if so, the details of the action taken; and

(d) what improvements Government intend to bring in the administration through these amendments?

Employment on compassionate grounds

1118. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a Government policy to provide for employment to the surviving spouse/other member in the family, when an employee dies in harness;

(b) whether any quota/reservation has been set apart for such employment on compassionate grounds;

(c) whether over the years such reservation/quota has not been given effect to; and

(d) if so, whether Government would ensure that such reservation/quota is restored and given effect to?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Strike by Employees Federations

1119. DR. AKHILESH DAS : Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central and the State Government Employees represented by the Confederation of Central Government Employees and Workers (CCGEW) and All India State Government Employees Federation (AISGEF) respectively, had given a call for a one day strike on May 21, 2003 to protest against economic policies of the Government;

(b) if so, the details of the grounds for the strike and their specific demands; and

(c) Government's response and steps taken to avert the strike and to resolve the issues?

Retention period of category 'C' documents in Ministries/Departments

1120. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether category 'C' documents of Ministries/Departments/Instrumentalities of Central Government are not maintained/preserved after expiry of stipulated period of ten years;

(b) if so, whether disciplinary proceedings against employees can be initiated after expiry of fifteen years in place of ten years on the basis of declaredly 'Not preserved' records of category;

(c) if so, the relevant provisions; and

(d) if not, the remedies available to the aggrieved ones?

APDRP corpus

1121. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under APDRP corpus, an outlay of Rs. 40,000 crore has been earmarked for electrification purposes;

(b) if so, how much amount is likely to be paid to the State Governments during the current fiscal year for purchase and erection of energy meters;

(c) what are the details of funds allocated to various electricity utility companies in the State of Karnataka during the last one year; and

(d) the names of the firms to whom orders for purchase of energy meters have been placed with number of meters to each manufacturer by the various DISCOMS in the State of Karnataka?

REC funds to Andhra Pradesh

1122. SHRIMATI SHABANA AZMI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Rural Electrification Corporation has agreed to provide financial assistance to the tune of Rs. 1,100 crores to the Andhra Pradesh Government for the year 2003-04 to take up improvement works including electrification of 5,050 habitations;

(b) if so, whether some other States have also been provided aid by the Corporation;

(c) if so, what is the total number of States and aid provided so far by this Corporation;

(d) to what extent these States have fully utilised this aid;

(e) what was the total loan provided to these States by the Corporation during 2002-2003; and

(f) to what extent they have utilised the amount?

Increase of electricity rates in Delhi

† 1123. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the rates of electricity for the consumers in Delhi have been increased by Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission;

(b) if so the percentage of this;

(c) increase after fixation of new rates what is the minimum and maximum rates on which consumers of Delhi are going to pay for electricity; and

(d) the rates on which electricity distribution companies are purchasing the electricity from electricity generation and transmission companies?

Mega power plant at Bawana

1124. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some private companies have shown interest to develop a mega power generation plant at Bawana at NCT of Delhi recently;

(b) if so, the names of the companies who have shown interest to develop this power plant; and

(c) whether Government have already considered the proposal of private firms and if so, the details thereof?

Privatisation of distribution of Power in National Capital

1125. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH:
Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that after privatisation of distribution of power in the national capital even after a year the ground situation remains grim;

(b) whether it is also a fact that distribution reforms in the power sector may lead to a drop in tariff;

(c) if so, the steps being taken in this direction; and

(d) the other measures in the pipeline in order to step up the distribution facilities?

Power theft in Delhi

1126. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH:
Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether out of 55.2 per cent losses due to power theft in Delhi, seven per cent can be attributed to slum dwellers;

(b) whether annual losses due to thefts were to the tune of Rs. 1400 crore at the time of privatisation;

(c) if so, to what extent these have been reduced so far;

(d) what steps are being taken to reduce the power theft cases; and

(e) whether Government propose to set up special courts to deal such cases?

Constitution of tribunal for dispute in sharing hydro-electric power

1127. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has proposals

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for the constitution of Tribunal for settlement of Inter-State Disputes for sharing Hydro-Electric Power;

(b) if so, whether Government has plans to form such a tribunal in order to speedy settlement of inter-State disputes;

(c) if so, by when would the tribunal be constituted; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Displaced people of Tehri and Dhauli Ganga projects

†1128. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of families to be displaced by Tehri and Dhauli Ganga projects and the number of persons already displaced so far, project-wise;

(b) whether Government are aware of the ongoing movement of Tehri dam affected people for fixing a date for family determination and the due compensation etc.; and

(c) if so, the main demands of the movement alongwith the details of the steps being taken to meet the demands?

Programme for rural electrification

1129. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any scheme and programme for development of rural electrification in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total amount being provided for implementation of the above scheme during the Tenth Plan?

Thermal Power Projects

1130. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether three thermal power projects including the 1000 MW project of National Thermal Power Corporation at Mouda near Nagpur, have been under consideration of the Central Government;

(b) if so, at what stage of approval the same stand at present; and

(c) the sources of coal supplies identified therefor?

New Power Distribution Technique

1131. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new technique SCADA system has been developed in the power sector to control the distribution of power from sub-stations and also for super monitoring and dissemination of power distribution related data;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of the States where this new technique has been introduced; and

(d) the time by when it is likely to be introduced in remaining States of the country?

Power generation capacity of NTPC

†1132. SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantum of power in thousand Megawatts being generated in the country every year;

(b) the quantum of power in thousand Megawatts out of the above quantum being generated by the NTPC; and

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(c) whether the efforts are being made by the NTPC to enhance its power generation capacity in future; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

New hydro-electric projects in J&K

1133. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Jammu and Kashmir is one of the 16 States identified for feasibility studies of new hydro-electric projects;

(b) the estimated potential in Jammu and Kashmir; and

(c) whether the hydro power would help provide stability to the electric grid and improve the power situation in Jammu and Kashmir?

Setting up a power grid sub-station at Sheetalpur in Bihar

1134. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a power grid sub-station at Sheetalpur in Bihar;

(b) if so, the cost of the project; and

(c) by when the work is likely to start and the target for completion of the project?

Generation of power in M. P. Chhattisgarh and Maharashtra

† 1135. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of power generated in Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Maharashtra at present;

(b) the details of total demand of power

in these States and the measures taken to meet this; and

(c) the details of Memorandum of Understanding signed by the State Governments to increase power generation in these States?

Hydel power potential in H.P.

† 1136. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Himachal Pradesh has capacity to generate 25,000 MW of hydel power; and

(b) if so, schemes of Government to exploit the same?

Funds for rural electrification in Himachal Pradesh

1137. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent by the Rural Electrification Corporation for providing electricity in Himachal Pradesh, specially in hilly regions and far-flung areas during the last three years, year-wise; and

(b) the reasons for tardy progress in rural electricity in the State?

Hydel power projects

† 1138. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have fixed the target of generating 50,000 MW of power by increasing the share of hydel power projects in the country;

(b) if so, what action Government have taken to exploit the installed capacity of hydel power project in Himachal Pradesh; and

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(c) the future planning with regard to Himachal Pradesh?

Power deficit in the country

1139. SHRI C. RAMA-CHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the energy and peaking shortages at the end of the Ninth Plan are 7.5 per cent and 12.6 per cent respectively;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the working group on power estimated that the energy and peaking shortages would be 11.6 per cent and 9.5 per cent respectively, if the capacity addition targets are met;

(c) given the successive failures in Eighth Plan, Ninth Plan and the first year of Tenth Plan, whether Government are really confident of achieving the capacity addition target in Tenth Plan;

(d) the projected deficits after Tenth Plan if the plan targets are not achieved; and

(e) the contingency plan to tackle the huge deficit?

Selling power to consumers at exorbitant price by SEBs

1140. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that State Electricity Boards of Electricity Utilities purchase power mainly from NTPC and NHPC at comparatively cheaper rates and then sell it to the consumers at exorbitant price;

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

(c) the steps Government propose to take to protect the interests of consumers particularly the domestic consumers of power in the country?

Financial assistance provided by Japan to Tripura Power Project

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Japan has given financial aid for a 500 MW Tripura Power Project and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it would be the one of the biggest power plants in the North-East and would sell surplus power to Bangladesh, Punjab, Delhi, Haryana, West Bengal, besides Tripura?

Assistance for energising electric irrigation pump sets in A.P.

1142. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rural Electrification Corporation provides funds to the States for energising electric irrigation pump sets;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the funds provided by the Corporation to Andhra Pradesh during the last three years, year-wise and number of pump sets energized during the said period in the State, district-wise?

Assistance rovided by REC to A.P.

1143. SHRI C. RAMA-CHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Rural Electrification Corporation has agreed to provide financial assistance to the tune of Rs. 1100 crores to the State Government of Andhra Pradesh for the year 2003-04; and

(b) if so, the details of amount released in this regard?

**Construction of roads under PMGSY
in Assam**

1144. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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

(b) whether the target has since been achieved;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Funds to Madhya Pradesh for potable
water**

†1145. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Madhya Pradesh had demanded an amount of Rs. 2333 lakhs for the schemes of 5 districts affected by the potable water quality *vide* their letters dated November 12, 2002 and January 28, 2003;

(b) whether that amount has been released to the State Government; if not, the reasons thereof; and

(c) by when this amount will be released?

**Constitution of a separate body for
land reforms**

1146. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA
RAO:
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY
SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to constitute a separate body for land reforms and wasteland development;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to ensure that there is optimum utilisation of wasteland and land reforms to bring benefit to farmers?

**Golden Jubilee Rural Self-employment
Scheme**

†1147. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN
SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI LAJPAT RAI:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Golden Jubilee Rural Self-employment Scheme was commissioned in April, 1999;

(b) if so, the target set for creating additional employment opportunities under this scheme;

(c) the amount of funds allocated every year for the purpose; and

(d) since the beginning of this scheme to March, 2003, what was the assessment of target achievement regarding creation of employment every year and the amount allocated each year for the purpose?

Funds for completion of project

1148. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that around 9000 projects in the cash-strapped State of Orissa are lying half-way on account of paucity of funds;

(b) whether for want of funds, the State is finding it difficult to go ahead with the

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construction and this is adding further to the list of half completed projects; and

(c) if so, the assistance rendered by the Centre to help the State to complete all the on-going projects to boost the economy of the State?

Relaxation in norms for rural development funds

1149. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether in an attempt to make up for the undue delay in releasing funds for various rural development and poverty alleviation programmes, the Centre had decided to relax the norms for clearing the second and final instalment during the current fiscal;

(b) if so, what are the main relaxation norms made in the latest order;

(c) by what time these orders will be implemented;

(d) whether rural development funds have been released to all the States; and

(e) if so, to what extent they have been able to implement these schemes after releasing the funds?

Financial aid to drought affected families of Rajasthan

1150. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMAD KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of financial aid and loans advanced to the drought affected families in the State of Rajasthan under SJGSJ during the last three years and as on date, year-

wise and district-wise with particular reference to Barmer district;

(b) the extent of success achieved in bringing the BPL families above that status, women, disabled persons and BPL family-wise;

(c) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to increase the amount of financial aid and loans;

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

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Special projects for undeveloped districts of Orissa

1151. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to implement special projects for undeveloped districts of western Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to implement special projects for undeveloped districts of western Orissa keeping in view the fact that the newly created Coastal Orissa Development Council is not able to do enough development works due to lack of sufficient funds from State Government?

Schemes for rural areas

1152. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of new schemes and programmes formulated by the Government for two-third population residing in rural areas of the country during the Tenth Plan for total poverty alleviation; and

(b) the details indicating the total budget

allotted for implementation of the said scheme in the country?

Construction of roads in hilly States under PMGSY

† 1153. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the length of the roads in kilometers expected to be constructed in different States during the financial year 2003-04 under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana;

(b) whether there is any proposal to completely relax the criteria for selection of roads under this Yojana in hilly States and select them as per requirement of the state area; and

(c) if not, the steps proposed to be taken to bring hilly States in line with other States so that they could be benefited like other States?

Community sanitary complexes for women in Orissa

1154. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government provides assistance for setting up of community sanitary complexes for women in villages Under Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC);

(b) if so, the total grants provided to Orissa during the last three years for the purpose and number of sanitary complexes set up, year-wise; and

(c) the fresh steps taken by Government for speedy construction of community sanitary complexes in all the villages in Orissa?

Budget for ARWSP

† 1155. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been preparing an exaggerated budget regarding Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of the funds sought for Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme during the last three years alongwith the amount spent during the said period?

Swajaldhara Scheme in Karnataka

1156. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals for rural water schemes sent by the Karnataka Government under the Swajaldhara Scheme;

(b) how many villages are proposed to be covered in Karnataka under the above scheme;

(c) the amount of grant allocated to Karnataka during 2003-04 for the above scheme; and

(d) whether Government propose to exempt Karnataka from mobilising 10 per cent public contribution for these projects in view of drought in Karnataka in the State?

Funds allotted to U.P. under ARWSP

1157. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the district-wise details of funds allotted to Uttar Pradesh under Accelerated

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Rural Water Supply Programme during the years 2001-2002, 2002-2003 and 2003-2004;

(b) the details of targets fixed under the programme; and

(c) the district-wise number of villages in the State benefited under the scheme during the above period?

Achievement of SGSY

1158. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana was launched to address deficiencies of the earlier Integrated Rural Development Programme and other complimentary schemes in 1999;

(b) if so, what is the success or failure of the Yojana; and

(c) the steps being taken to achieve the targets set out in the Yojana?

Funds to J & K under SGRY

1159. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has released any amount to Jammu and Kashmir State under Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana for the year 2002-2003;

(b) if so, the total amount released;

(c) whether the Ministry has also released wheat and rice to the State;

(d) whether the amount and foodgrains released are adequate to meet the needs of the States; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

SGRY in Assam

1160. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to launch Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana in NER, particularly in the State of Assam;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof; and

(c) the funds allocated/proposed to be allocated to the State of Assam under the scheme?

Employment under SGRY in Himachal Pradesh

1161. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of additional employment provided under Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana till date in Himachal Pradesh, district-wise;

(b) whether Government have set-up any machinery for monitoring the implementation of Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana in Himachal Pradesh;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Computerisation of land records in Vidarbha, Maharashtra

1162. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed the progress made in computerisation of land records in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and progress made in Vidarbha region of Maharashtra;

(c) whether Government have fixed time limit to complete computerisation of land records all over the country;

- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken to complete the job in that limit?

Diversion of money provided under Employment Guarantee Scheme

1163. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Maharashtra Government has diverted over Rs. 5,500 crore of Employment Guarantee Scheme towards pending salaries of State employees;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government propose to close down the scheme in the State due to this reason;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the measures suggested by Government for proper utilisation of money provided for the scheme by State Government?

Construction of roads in inaccessible villages of Koraput district in Orissa

1164. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a project has been drawn up to construct roads to link about 200 inaccessible villages in Koraput district of Orissa;
- (b) if so, the details of the project and the total outlay involved; and
- (c) by when the project would be completed and whether Centre has contributed for this project; if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Release of funds under SGSY and IAY to Madhya Pradesh

†1165. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the second instalment of money due under S.G.S.Y. and Indira Awas Yojana in the year 2002-2003 for various districts of Madhya Pradesh was released in March, 2003;
- (b) if so, whether this amount was fully utilised upto March 31, 2003;
- (c) whether the amount of first instalment under Swarnjayanti Grameen Rozgar Yojana, Indira Awas Yojana and Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana for Madhya Pradesh for 2003-2004 has not been released till 16th June, 2003; and
- (d) if so, the reasons for this delay?

ARWSP in Gujarat

1166. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of progress made so far under ARWSP and drinking water component under PMGY;
- (b) the number of villages having population of more than 500 and 1000 covered under these schemes so far in Gujarat, district-wise;
- (c) the funds allocated under the scheme during the last three years, district-wise and scheme-wise; and
- (d) by when all the villages are likely to get drinking water under the above schemes?

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Alleviation of rural poverty through land reforms

1167. SHRI C. RAMA-CHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Ninth Plan identified the land reforms as an important policy instrument for the alleviation of rural poverty;

(b) if so, the progress in various States in this regard;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Planning Commission has expressed unhappiness over the lack of progress in the Plan appraisal; and

(d) the reaction of Government and action proposed in this regard?

Export of textiles

1168. SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMACHANDRAYYA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's export of textiles have registered an increase during first nine months of the year 2002-2003;

(b) if so, the value of exports in this regard and the value of exports during corresponding period of last year; and

(c) the total exports expected for the present year?

Expansion of mulberry sericulture in new and non-traditional areas

1169. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Sericulture Projects

envisage expansion of mulberry sericulture in new and non-traditional areas (outside Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir);

(b) how do the achievements in the new areas compare with the targets in terms of production of Bivoltine Cocoon and productivity;

(c) whether the performance of the projects has been evaluated; if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the State-wise and year-wise targets and achievements with steps taken or proposed to be taken for expansion of bivoltine sericulture during Tenth Plan?

Protection to Indian garment exporters in WTO

1170. SHRI G.K. VASAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to taken steps to protect the interest of Indian garments exporters in WTO;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Boosting export of handloom products

1171. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMAD KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to SARS epidemic that threatened South East Asian countries the Indian Handloom sector had suffered a loss of one thousand crore of export earnings;

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

(c) the steps contemplated by Government to boost the export of handloom products to bridge the shortfall in the export earning?

Revival of handloom and powerloom sectors

† 1172. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether handloom and powerloom sector is on the verge of closure in the country specially in Maharashtra;

(b) whether due to the closure of handloom and powerloom in those areas, the traditional weavers are facing financial crunch; and

(c) if so, the measures have been taken by Government for the revival of handloom and powerloom industry in Vidarbha region?

Rapid development of textiles industry

† 1173. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government for rapid development of textiles industry and to make it a profitable industry under the National Textiles Policy, 2000;

(b) whether the same has been implemented;

(c) if so, the result thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Exports of textiles products from Rajasthan

1174. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMAD KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the textile industries of Rajasthan are passing through a period of recession;

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

(c) the reasons therefor;

(d) whether textiles products from Rajasthan are being exported;

(e) if so, the details thereof indicating the export earnings during the last three years;

(f) whether the ban imposed by WTO on the exports of Indian textiles is still operative;

(g) by when, the ban would expire; and

(h) the steps contemplated by Government to help the textiles industries of Rajasthan?

Deduction of Festival advance from employees by NCT mills

1175. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the mills affiliated with the National Textile Corporation Tamil Nadu & Pondicherry Ltd. are deducting the amount given during the Diwali festival at the time of retirement even though the agreement reached with the Labour Unions does not allowed such deduction; and

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(b) if so, the remedy contemplated by the Ministry to solve this issue?

Security scheme for workers of handloom and powerloom sectors

† 1176. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministry of Textiles propose to implement some special security schemes for workers of handloom and powerloom sectors;

(b) if so, by when they will be implemented; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

NEW DELHI;
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Secretary-General.

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Losses incurred by collieries in Government sector

†1027. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN
SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI LAJPAT RAI:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased
to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that collieries under
Government sector are constantly running
in losses;

(b) if so, the total amount of loss to these
collieries during the years 2000-2001,
2001-2002 and 2002-2003; and

(c) the capital investment made by the
Government in collieries industry till 2003
alongwith the loan amount due by these
collieries?

Capacity utilisation by coal washeries

†1028. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN
SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased
to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that coal washeries
are being run in Government sector in the
country;

(b) if so, the total number of coal
washerries by March, 2003 and their total
production capacity;

(c) whether it is also a fact that these
washerries have operated at less than their
capacity during years 2000-2001,
2001-2002 and 2002-2003; and

(d) if so, the percentage of utilization of
their installed production capacity each year?

Recruitment in coal sector

1029. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the
Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any embargo on
recruitment in coal sector;

(b) whether it is a fact that for years
casual workers are being engaged; and

(c) if so, the action Government have
taken to regularise the casual workers after
stipulated 240 days?

Steps to boost loss making subsidiaries of C.I. L.

1030. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will
the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified
the loss making subsidiaries of Coal India
Ltd. (CIL);

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(b) if so, what are those subsidiaries and the loss sustained by them each, annually during last three years; and

(c) the steps taken to improve the performance of loss making coal companies?

Investigation into accident at Murpar Coal mines

1031. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Singareni Collieries Ltd. has made investigation into the accident on 28th January, at Murpar Coal mines;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether proper compensation has been provided to the victims of accident;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor;

(f) whether any officer has been found guilty during the enquiry; and

(g) if so, the action taken against these officials?

Co-operation in mining with foreign countries

† 1032. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the countries with which agreements for co-operation have been arrived at for mining rare commodities like 'slates' in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) the benefits derived by the State as a result thereof; and

(c) the details of the co-operation by India with other countries in mining?

Production of clean coal

† 1033. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government is going to introduce a pilot project to make clean coal (coal with zero pollution);

(b) if so, whether this project will be launched in Bihar;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Illegal occupation of staff quarters of South Eastern Coalfields

1034. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a member of Legislative Assembly is occupying a number of staff quarters at Birsighpur Colony of Johila area under South Eastern Coalfields;

(b) if yes, the number of quarters under his occupation with date of occupation of each;

(c) whether any penal rent is being realised from the occupant;

(d) if yes, the amount thereof; and

(e) if no, the reasons therefor?

Operation "Sarp Vinash" in J&K

1035. SHRI SHANKAR ROY CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Intelligence agencies provided adequate, accurate, and timely information about the existence of militant bases in the Hill Kaka region of Jammu and Kashmir;

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(b) whether there was inordinate delay in acting on the information so provided to launch operation for clearance of the areas (Operation Sarp Vinash); and

(c) whether it is a fact that large number of militants have dispersed from the Hill Kaka region to establish similar bases in other areas of Jammu and Kashmir, especially Doda-Kishtwar?

MiG-21 crash in Barmer district Rajasthan

1036. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a MiG-21 aircraft of Indian Air Force crashed in Barmer District of Rajasthan on 4th June, 2003 killing its sole pilot;

(b) whether an enquiry has been ordered into this crash;

(c) when the report of enquiry is expected; and

(d) steps being taken to minimize such air crashes in future?

MiG-21 crashes

1037. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether yet another MiG-21 aircraft crashed in first week of June, 2003 near Barmer in Rajasthan;

(b) the number of such aircraft crashed and pilots killed in current calendar year;

(c) the causes of these crashes;

(d) whether Government is thinking of phasing out these aircrafts; and

(e) if so, how long it will take?

Steps to prevent infiltration

1038. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO:

SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan sponsored terrorist outfits were making their leases and digging hideouts in Hilkaka and surrounding ridges and passes along the Western slopes of Pir Panjal range in Jammu and Kashmir for the last many years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) when these developments came to the notice of Indian Armed Forces;

(d) what were the reasons for the failure of our intelligence in such important areas; and

(e) the action taken and proposed to be taken by Government to prevent such infiltration and abuse of our border areas by terrorists?

MiG variants inducted into IAF

1039. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the different variants of MiG aircraft inducted into the Indian Air Force since 1962 till date;

(b) the types of engines used in these different types of aircraft;

(c) whether it is fact that the Ministry is seriously thinking of phasing out some of the variants of MiG; and

(d) if yes, the types of variants that are going to phased out by Air Force?

Lapses in the process of defence procurement

1040. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR:
PROF. M. SANKARA-LINGAM:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) has detected eleven serious lapses in the process of defence procurement;

(b) if yes, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is found that the manner in which defence deals are being signed is against common prudence and established norms?

Financial reward to soldiers from Orissa

1041. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Government of Orissa has honoured the soldiers of the State for exemplary bravery by providing them further financial incentives;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Defence authorities have contributed to the consolidated amount so distributed by the State to the Defence personnel and if so, the details thereof?

Fidayeen attack at Sunjivan army camp

1042. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA:
SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether recent Fidayeen attack on the Sunjivan army camp in Jammu killing 12 Jawans and wounding many more reveals a serious lapse of security; and

(b) if so, the details of the incident and the action taken to boost up the security of our military installations based in J&K?

Pace of modernisation of Indian navy

1043. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL:
Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to Unstarred Question 4203 given in the Rajya Sabha on 30th April, 2003 and state:

(a) the total amount allocated for modernisation of Indian navy surrendered during last five years;

(b) the reasons for slow progress in some projects;

(c) whether Government will be able to make up the slow progress in the projects; and

(d) if so, on what basis and if not, the reasons therefor?

Situation along LoC

1044. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the situation at the Line of Control between India and Pakistan continues to be alarming as our troops were encountering from across the LoC trying to sneak into Indian side and unleash violence;

(b) whether intelligence reports from across the border indicate that thousands of militants are being trained in camps in Pakistan occupied Kashmir; and

(c) whether necessary steps have been taken to meet the situation?

(d) the total estimated cost involved in this missile testing programme?

Liquor supply to armed forces

1045. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Confederation of Indian Alcoholic Beverage Companies stopped supplies of liquor to armed forces;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to ensure uninterrupted supply of liquor to armed forces particularly those posted in forward areas?

Acquisition of warships from Russia

1046. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has decided to acquire three warships from Russia; and

(b) if so, the dates of delivery of these ships to India?

Performance of the recent test firing of various missiles

1047. SHRI CHO S. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) how many test firing of various types of missiles have taken place in this year;

(b) what is the level of success of these missile testing;

(c) what type of missiles are being inducted into the armed forces after successful trials; and

Weapon Locating Radar

1048. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to procure Weapon Locating Radars (WLR);

(b) if so, the steps taken in that regard;

(c) whether any step has also been taken to produce WLR indigenously; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Investment on infrastructural facilities by HAL

1049. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that HAL is planning to invest about Rs. 900 crores in the next 2-3 years to set up machinery and other infrastructural facilities of Sukhoi-30, MKI, LCA and International Jet Trainer Projects;

(b) if so, the break-up of investment on different projects mentioned above; and

(c) when the Sukhoi-30 will roll out and is going to be inducted into the Indian Air Force?

Immortalising brave martyrs

† 1050. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no mention of brave martyrs, who laid their lives in the past wars, in any of war memorials in India while British Government have engraved the names of

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those Indian soldiers, who were killed during the Second World War, on the memorial established in London two years back in the memory of those soldiers;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to engrave the names of soldiers, who laid down their lives in 1948, 1962, 1971 and Kargil war, at public places; and

(c) if so, the roadmap thereof; if not, the reasons therefor?

Shifting of IL-76 aircraft squadron to Nagpur AFS

1051. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to shift the IL-76 transport aircraft squadron based at the Agra Air Force Station to Nagpur Air Force Station;

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

(c) whether Government propose to develop Nagpur Air Force Station to accommodate this change; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Export of ALH

1052. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether two indigenously built Advanced Light Helicopters had been sent to Paris for taking part in Air Show held from June 15 to 22;

(b) if so, whether India is in a position to sell this type of helicopters to other countries; and

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

Efficacy of NCC training

1053. SHRIMATI N. P. DURGA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether question has been raised in annual conference of NCC Directors about the efficacy of training being imparted to the National Cadet Corps (NCC);

(b) whether the selection of NCC Cadets in Armed Forces has come down;

(c) if so, the reasons for the same; and

(d) the steps being taken to improve the training in NCC?

Agreement with Israel regarding weapon system

1054. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether agreement has been reached between India and Israel to invest 100 million dollar in the development of Arrow II weapon system;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the defence agreement signed between two countries during last three years; and

(d) the amount involved in these deals?

Lack of storage facilities for explosives

† 1055. SHRI ABHAY KANT PRASAD: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to news-item captioned, "Daid lakh tonne gola barud rakhne ki vyavastha nahin" which appeared in the media recently;

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

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(c) whether this problem has been caused due to the increasing incidents of fire in Ordnance depots; and

(d) if so, what remedial steps are being taken by Government in this regard?

Upgrading skills of NCC cadets

1056. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds released to various States and Union Territories, particularly to Andhra Pradesh for National Cadet Corps;

(b) whether Government have started new schemes/programmes to upgrade the skills of NCC cadets in view of the development in recent years in arms and warfare technics to improve defence preparedness of the nation;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the details of such programmes proposed to be introduced by Government for NCC cadets, especially in the field of defence related information technology?

Bagga Committee Report

1057. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bagga Committee set up by Government for Assured Career Progression, for army officers and to examine a proposal for restructuring of officers cadre in the Army has submitted its Report to the Government;

(b) if so, the main recommendations made therein; and

(c) the time by which this report is likely to be implemented?

Steps to promote employment opportunities for ex-servicemen

1058. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Directorate General of Resettlement is going to provide training to ex-servicemen to enhance the employment options in Corporate Sector for retiring and Short Service Commissioned Officers;

(b) if so, the duration of the training course; and

(c) by when it is likely to commence and who will bear the expenses in this regard?

Sub-standard supplies by Ordnance factories

1059. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the recent report of the CAG the Ordnance factories are supplying sub-standard ammunition to armed forces;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to conduct a thorough inquiry into the working of Ordnance depots and Ordnance factories through an independent Committee; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Delay in defence procurement

1060. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Defence acquisition contracts are suffering inordinate

delays due to prevalence of "atmosphere of fear" and thus adversely affecting the Defence preparedness of the country especially due to belligerent environment existing in our borders;

(b) if so, whether this delay is attributable to some 'built-in' clause in acquisition procedure or it has assumed this proportion especially after the Tehelka scam when a proactive role of Chief Vigilance Commission was sought; and

(c) whether the in-house vigilance is ineffective especially in sensitive deals?

Comparative study on aircraft accidents

1061. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Defence/ Indian Air Force have done a comparative study of the aircraft accidents in India and other countries of the world;

(b) if so, what is the comparative aircraft sortie to accident ratio in India and other countries of the world; and

(c) if not, the reasons for not undertaking the study?

Corruption in C.S.D.

1062. SHRI PRAFUL PATEL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of widespread corruption in the Canteen Stores Department regarding purchase of various items that are canalized through this organization;

(b) if so, whether the norms for the purchase of the alcoholic beverages are consistent with overall purchase policies or

whether there are different norms governing such purchases; and

(c) whether the Servicemen are receiving their wide choice of products that are available in the market or whether the Canteen Stores Department purchase organization is restricting the choice through their restrictive purchase policies?

Re-establishment of Ahir Regiment

†1063. SHRI D. P. YADAV: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to re-establish Ahir Regiment which had been dissolved under a conspiracy for revolting against British Regime; and

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

India-Australia defence cooperation

1064. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the first week of June, an Australian Naval Ship HMAs Adelaide had docked in Chennai Port for joint naval exercise with the Indian Navy;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to strengthen the relationship between Australia and India for Defence cooperation; and;

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Bharat Electronics Ltd.

1065. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bharat Electronics Ltd., is posed to become Rs. 5,000 crore PSU;

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(b) if so, what are its past achievements and future plans; and

(c) its achievements in the export field during the year 2002-2003 and expected future growth in the current fiscal?

Hide-outs of militants in neighbouring countries

1066. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps the Central Government contemplate to take in regard to the hide-outs of the militants of the North-Eastern States in the neighbouring countries;

(b) whether the Central Government have any plan to persuade the extremist groups to surrender; and

(c) the extent of success made so far?

Measures for prevention of communal riots

1067. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY:

SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that communal flare-ups of severe nature are on the rise in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the number of such incidents during the last three years with details of life and property lost in each incident;

(c) whether there is demand for codifying measures for prevention of communal riots and provision of relief and rehabilitation assistance to the victims and for making it mandatory to establish Citizens' peace Committees in every district and police station area;

(d) if so, what are the details and the reaction of Government thereto;

(e) the number of people arrested and number of cases charged against; and

(f) the present status of the cases alongwith details thereof?

Legislation to facilitate construction of Ram Temple

1068. DR. ABRAR AHMED:

SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to bring in legislation to facilitate the construction of Ram Temple at Ayodhya; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Dual citizenship

1069. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 122 given in the Rajya Sabha on 19th February, 2003 and state:

(a) whether the details and other modalities with regard to Government's decision to grant dual citizenship under the Citizenship Act, 1955 to Persons of Indian Origin, who have acquired citizenship of certain countries, have since been finalized;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if the reply to part(a) above be in the negative, by when a final decision in the matter is likely to be taken?

Narcotics-arms link on the borders of J&K and Punjab

1070. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that ISI had revived narcotics, arms

link on the borders with J&K and Punjab; and

(b) the steps Government have taken to deal with situation?

Authorisation of religious leaders for solving Ayodhya dispute

1071. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:
DR. ABRAR AHMED:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government have authorised any religious leader to help resolve the Ram Janma Bhoomi-Babri Masjid dispute amicably; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Survey of religious places of minorities in Kerala

1072. SHRI N. R. DASARI:
SHRI V. V. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a survey of mosques and churches in Kerala has been conducted recently;

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

(c) whether such survey on minority religious institutions is being conducted in other States also; if so, the details thereof?

Irregularities in MCD tenders

1073. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 81 contracts for development works were allotted to certain contractor in Division 28, of the

Engineering Department between January to March, 2003 without completing necessary formalities; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken against the officials of M.C.D. and tender mafia?

Bungling in allotment of advertisement space by N.D.M.C.

1074. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been irregularities in the allotment of advertisement space on electricity poles awarded by N.D.M.C. in favour of M/s. Adwel Advertiser(P) Ltd. in February 1999, wherein the N.D.M.C. lost more than three crore;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government have taken against the officer concerned in the fraud and whether recovery of the dues has been effected from the contractor and if not, the reasons therefor?

Violence at Marad, Kerala

1075. SHRI A. VIJAYA-
RAGHAVAN:
SHRI K. CHANDRAN
PILLAI:
SHRI GAYA SINGH:
SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:
SHRI N.K. PREMA-
CHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that communal violence erupted at Marad causing loss of

lives and properties during January, 2002; if so, the number of persons murdered;

(b) whether there is any attempt to rehabilitate the refugees at Marad, Kerala after the Marad Massacre during May, 2003;

(c) if so, the details including the action taken for Communal symbiosis at Marad;

(d) whether many suspects were taken under custody and got on to the trials of the culprits;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) the action taken to inquire the Marad Massacre; and

(g) the details of steps taken to prevent such incidents in future?

Helpline for women

1076. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
SHRI SANTOSH
BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Police has recently started a 24 hour helpline for women;

(b) if so, the response on the same;

(c) whether the same is being done by other States police; and

(d) if so, the details of States/cities that have a similar helpline for women?

Calamity management in the country

1077. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH:
SHRI EKANATH K.
THAKUR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to World Bank report out of 31 States of India, 22 are regarded as disaster prone and 55 per cent of the country's land is vulnerable to earthquakes, eight per cent to cyclones and five per cent to floods;

(b) whether the natural disasters during 1996—2001 had caused a loss of 13.8 billion dollars and eroded two per cent of GDP;

(c) if so, what are Government's assessment thereto; and

(d) what steps have been taken by the Centre in collaboration with the State Governments for calamity management throughout the country?

NHRC's visit to Gujarat

1078. DR. ABRAR AHMED:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether NHRC who visited Gujarat recently has submitted any report to Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Overcrowding of Central prisons in country

1079. SHRI CHO S. RAMASWAMY:
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many Central prisons are overcrowded surpassing its limit of intake;

(b) whether it is also a fact that basic amenities provided to the prisoners are adversely affected due to overcrowding;

(c) the reasons for this situation;

(d) what steps are being taken to rectify this situation; and

(e) whether Government propose to construct any additional prisons to control the situation and if so, the details thereof?

Crimes in Vasant Kunj, New Delhi

†1080. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of incidents of theft, decoity, killings and rape in the capital specially in the Posh Colony like Vasant Kunj during the last one year;

(b) whether in order to check these incidents special security arrangement has been made by Government at the residential places adjoining to the Kishan Garh;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Violation of Human Rights in Tamil Nadu

1081. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of petitions received by the National Human Rights Commission regarding violation of Human Rights reported to have taken place in Tamil Nadu during the year 2001-2002 and till date; and

(b) the action taken or proposed to be taken to address those issues?

Naxalites activities in southern India

1082. SHRI CHO S. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the situation of the PWG and naxalite activity in various parts of South India;

(b) how many operations against these groups have been successful;

(c) what steps are being taken to improve the intelligence network to curb these activities;

(d) whether the respective State Governments have approached the Centre for any assistance in this regard; and

(e) if so, the reaction of the Central Government to their requests?

POLNET

1083. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had decided for establishment of a comprehensive police network *viz.* "POLNET" to connect national capital with all the State capitals;

(b) if so, the progress made in the matter so far; and

(c) by when the project is likely to be completed?

Coastal police force in Kerala

1084. SHRI N.K. PREMA-CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to assist the State Governments to set up a coastal police force;

(b) whether any proposal has been received from the Government of Kerala requesting financial assistance for the formation of coastal police force in the State;

(c) if so, whether Government have taken any decision in the matter; and

(d) whether Government propose to accord sanction and to extend the financial assistance for setting up of coastal police force in Kerala?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Pension Scheme for National Awardees

1085. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of people conferred with national awards, including 'Bharat Ratna', are languishing in penury;

(b) if so, whether Government have received representations from such awardees, or on their behalf, for financial assistance;

(c) if so, the details in this regard, with nature of assistance, if any rendered;

(d) whether any survey has been conducted to identify the needy national awardees;

(e) whether Government propose to set up monthly pension scheme, etc., on the lines of "Freedom Fighter Pension";

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

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

Crimes committed by eunuchs in Delhi

1086. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item "Eunuch attack constable with rod in South Delhi" appearing in the media;

(b) if so, what action has been taken against the Eunuch by the Delhi Police;

(c) whether cases relating to murder, extortion, etc., by Eunuch have increased in the NCT of Delhi during the last one year; and

(d) if so, how many cases have been registered against Eunuchs and what action

Delhi Police propose to take against Eunuch associations and anti-social elements to curb crimes in Delhi?

Corpus to deal with natural and man-made disasters

1087. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Report submitted by the Crisis Managing Group in the wake of Gujarat Earthquake, has suggested formation of a Rs. 500 crore corpus to deal with natural and man-made disasters; and

(b) if so, what are the other salient points of the Report and what modalities are to be adopted and mechanism established to implement the agreed suggestions?

Thefts in MPs flats

† 1088. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of incidents of thefts in MP flats at South Avenue during the last six months;

(b) whether police has succeeded in unravelling these incidents, catch the thieves and recover the stolen property; and

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

Crimes by policemen in Delhi

1089. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMAD KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of various crimes by men in uniform are on the rise in the capital as reported in the media;

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(b) if so, the details thereof, indicating the crime cases reported during this year, as on date, month-wise, police station-wise;

(c) the reasons for increase in such crimes; and

(d) the steps contemplated by Government to discipline the police force of the capital city?

Hurriat support to militant groups

1090. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recoveries made from the South Delhi Office of the Kashmir Awareness Bureau have revealed that the Hurriat has been instrumental in providing financial support to militant groups in Kashmir as reported in the media;

(b) if so, whether it has also been helping terrorists currently in Jail; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Activities of MCC and PWG in Orissa

1091. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that activities of banned MCC and PWG outfits in the districts of Malakanagiri, Rayagada, Koraput and Gajapati districts of Orissa are going on unabated;

(b) whether the cash-strapped State of Orissa cannot raise sufficient para-military forces to combat this menace and the State has requested the Centre for help in the matter; and

(c) if so, the help rendered by the Centre in the matter specially to constitute Grey Hound battalions on the pattern of Andhra Pradesh to control these activities?

Proposal to form Southern Economic Zone

1092. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to form a Southern Economic Zone of four States alongwith Union Territory of Pondicherry; and

(b) if so, what is the agenda and scope of this economic zone?

Khosla Commission

† 1093. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the recommendations of Khosla Commission with regard to Delhi Police and those recommendations which have not been implemented till date;

(b) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the Survey report conducted by an institute of psychiatrist "Nimhans" situated in Bangalore;

(c) if so, steps taken by Government till date to make personnel of Delhi Police tension free and the results thereof; and

(d) whether Government propose to take some special steps keeping in view the deplorable condition of Police personnel; if so, by when?

Softening of LoC for people to people contact

1094. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Chief Minister of J and K had suggested recently for "softening" the LoC for people to people contact in J and K

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where families were divided in the aftermaths of the partition and the creation of the LoC; and

(b) if so, Government's stand in this regard?

Grabbing of Government land

1095. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Block Development Officer, Mehrauli (BDO) after inspection of vacant Gaon Sabha land by Panchayat Secretary in Khasra No. 17/23/1(2-14) under Revenue State of Devle Village, has lodged a written complaint (FIR) on 27/2/03 and asked the SHO Sangam Vihar Police Station, South District to register cases under sections 441/447 against the persons/land grabbers trying to capture/grab the Gaon Sabha land (Government Land);

(b) if so, the details of action by SHO, Sangam Vihar police station in this regard and details of land grabbers against whom the cases are registered; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Amicable solution to Ayodhya dispute

1096. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken for amicable settlement of Ayodhya imbroglio to maintain communal harmony in the country;

(b) the steps taken to contain inflammatory utterances from persons/organizations belonging to various faiths; and

(c) the number of persons/organizations booked under the law for making such utterances?

Criteria for grant under NCRF

1097. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria for grant to the States from National Calamity Relief Fund;

(b) the State-wise outlays, year-wise amount released from NCRF and amount utilized during last three years till March, 2003; and

(c) the extent of damage to life, property and crop due to recent floods and erosion in Assam, amount of Central assistance released against the amount demanded by the State?

Cheating of unemployed youths

† 1098. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that a number of rackets are active in the country which are cheating the unemployed youths on the false assurance of providing employments to them in foreign countries;

(b) if so, whether any such rackets has been busted by Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any action has been taken by Government to strictly deal with such rackets; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Amount spent to fight against terrorism in J&K

† 1099. SHRI D.P. YADAV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the total amount spent by Government to fight against terrorism in

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Jammu and Kashmir during the last ten years; and

(b) the total number of common citizens killed and the total property lost during these years?

Deaths due to heat wave

1100. SHRI C. RAMA-CHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that hundreds of poor people died due to intense heat wave in the summer of 2003;

(b) whether it is a fact that the deaths assumed a proportion of catastrophe;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the CM of Andhra Pradesh wrote to Prime Minister to extend financial help to the bereaved families; and

(d) if so, the progress in this direction?

Multiplicity of authorities in Delhi

1101. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that multiplicity of authorities has become the bane of Delhi causing impediments to all developmental works including those relating to water, electricity, environment etc.;

(b) whether Government are also aware of the woes of residents of Delhi who attribute the reason of the malady to this multiplicity; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard and the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

Facilities to families of martyrs

†1102. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people killed by terrorists during last six years in different parts of India including Kashmir;

(b) the number of Army, para-military forces, local police and common citizens killed respectively; and

(c) whether all types of soldiers killed by terrorists have been given the status of martyrs and whether there is any proposal to provide facilities to the families of such martyrs as are provided to the families of soldiers who achieve martyrdom in battle-field?

Terrorist activities in various parts of the country

1103. SHRI CHO. S. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the situation of the terrorist activities in various parts of the country;

(b) how many operations against terrorists have been successful;

(c) what steps are being taken to improve the intelligence network to curb the terrorist operations in the country;

(d) what is the total loss of life and property in the country during this year; and

(e) whether Government propose to provide modern training to the forces to contain terrorism and if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Justice Mukherjee Commission on disappearance of Netaji

1104. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 809 given in the Rajya Sabha on 24th July, 2002 and state whether Justice Mukherjee Commission has submitted its report to the Central Government?

Identity Cards to citizens

1105. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 1216 given in the Rajya Sabha on 7th March, 2001 and state:

(a) the details of the scheme finalized, target set and progress made on the preparation of an inventory of citizens as well as issuing identity cards to the citizens and non-citizens resident in the country; and

(b) the present status of implementation of issuing Work Permit to the non-citizens?

Purulia arms-drop case

1106. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to free Peter Bleach, the key accused in Purulia arms drop case;

(b) whether it is also a fact that British intelligence had passed on prior information to Government of India about plans of Kim Davy to drop arms at Purulia; and

(c) whether Government of India passed the information to Government of West Bengal in time?

Remission of sentence to the accused in Purulia arms-drop case

1107. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has committed to British Government on remission of life sentence on Peter Bleach, accused in the Purulia arms-drop case, through Presidential clemency;

(b) whether the British Prime Minister was given an assurance to this effect by the Indian Deputy Prime Minister on a recent visit to UK; and

(c) how far India has been successful in using political/diplomatic leverage in securing extradition of fugitives wanted in India but now sheltered in foreign countries?

Implementation of Rajiv-Longowal Accord

1108. SHRI KARTAR SINGH DUGGAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state what is the latest position in respect of implementation of Rajiv-Longowal Accord?

Tariff guidelines for renewable energy technologies

1109. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is interacting with the State Electricity Regulatory Commissions to enable an attractive tariff regime for renewables;

(b) whether a fresh set of tariff guidelines for renewable energy technologies are proposed to be framed; and

(c) whether as a result the installed capacity of renewable sources will increase, if so, by how much?

Sanction to the wind power projects of Kerala

1110. SHRI N.K. PREMA-CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal has been pending from the Government of Kerala, requesting sanction for the project of producing power from wind;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of projects sponsored by ANERT in Kerala given sanction during the last two years; and

(d) whether Government has accorded sanction for Ramakkalmedu and Kuruvikkanam projects in Kerala and if so, the stage at which the implementation stands at present?

Installation of solar pumps in Rajasthan

1111. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMAD KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to popularise irrigation related solar pumps in the State of Rajasthan;

(b) the amount of Central subsidy being provided for such solar pump sets;

(c) the number of such solar pump sets installed in the state of Rajasthan during the last three years, year-wise, district-wise; and

(d) the financial allocations for such pumps earmarked during the Tenth Plan period?

Use of solar energy for cooking Mid-day meal in schools

1112. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA:

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

(a) whether the Ministry is intending help to the States in installing solar concentrating cooking system for cooking Mid-day meal scheme in schools; and

(b) if so, the details of States to which this facility has been intended?

Hydrogen as an alternative fuel for domestic use

1113. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are exploring different aspects of Hydrogen, including its production, utilisation and storage as a fuel;

(b) if so, the progress made in the matter so far; and

(c) by when Hydrogen is likely to be available as a safe alternative fuel for domestic use?

Installation capacity of wind energy

1114. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is thinking of a comprehensive policy on the renewable energy to tap the country's wind energy;

(b) if so, the salient features of the proposed policy;

(c) the country's total potential in wind energy;

(d) the present installed capacity of wind energy in the country; State-wise; and

(e) the target set in the Tenth Five Year Plan?

Funds from Netherlands for wind energy projects in Karnataka

1115. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to get funds from Netherlands for a 15 MW wind energy project in Karnataka; and

(b) if so, the extent of funds proposed to be provided by Netherlands?

Gazette notification of Right to Information Bill

†1116. SHRI RAM

JETHMALANI:

SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Parliament has passed a bill related to the Right to Information to common people;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Hon'ble President has given his assent to this bill;

(c) if so, what are the reasons that this bill has not been notified in Gazette of India; and

(d) by when this bill is likely to be notified?

Amendment of Central Civil Services Conduct Rules

†1117. SHRI LAJPAT RAI:

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

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

(a) whether Government have decided to amend Central Civil Services Conduct Rules and All India Services Conduct Rules;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any action so far in this regard?

(c) if so, the details of the action taken; and

(d) what improvements Government intend to bring in the administration through these amendments?

Employment on compassionate grounds

1118. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a Government policy to provide for employment to the surviving spouse/other member in the family, when an employee dies in harness;

(b) whether any quota/reservation has been set apart for such employment on compassionate grounds;

(c) whether over the years such reservation/quota has not been given effect to; and

(d) if so, whether Government would ensure that such reservation/quota is restored and given effect to?

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Strike by Employees Federations

1119. DR. AKHILESH DAS : Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central and the State Government Employees represented by the Confederation of Central Government Employees and Workers (CCGEW) and All India State Government Employees Federation (AISGEF) respectively, had given a call for a one day strike on May 21, 2003 to protest against economic policies of the Government;

(b) if so, the details of the grounds for the strike and their specific demands; and

(c) Government's response and steps taken to avert the strike and to resolve the issues?

Retention period of category 'C' documents in Ministries/Departments

1120. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether category 'C' documents of Ministries/Departments/Instrumentalities of Central Government are not maintained/preserved after expiry of stipulated period of ten years;

(b) if so, whether disciplinary proceedings against employees can be initiated after expiry of fifteen years in place of ten years on the basis of declaredly 'Not preserved' records of category;

(c) if so, the relevant provisions; and

(d) if not, the remedies available to the aggrieved ones?

APDRP corpus

1121. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under APDRP corpus, an outlay of Rs. 40,000 crore has been earmarked for electrification purposes;

(b) if so, how much amount is likely to be paid to the State Governments during the current fiscal year for purchase and erection of energy meters;

(c) what are the details of funds allocated to various electricity utility companies in the State of Karnataka during the last one year; and

(d) the names of the firms to whom orders for purchase of energy meters have been placed with number of meters to each manufacturer by the various DISCOMS in the State of Karnataka?

REC funds to Andhra Pradesh

1122. SHRIMATI SHABANA AZMI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Rural Electrification Corporation has agreed to provide financial assistance to the tune of Rs. 1,100 crores to the Andhra Pradesh Government for the year 2003-04 to take up improvement works including electrification of 5,050 habitations;

(b) if so, whether some other States have also been provided aid by the Corporation;

(c) if so, what is the total number of States and aid provided so far by this Corporation;

(d) to what extent these States have fully utilised this aid;

(e) what was the total loan provided to these States by the Corporation during 2002-2003; and

(f) to what extent they have utilised the amount?

Increase of electricity rates in Delhi

† 1123. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the rates of electricity for the consumers in Delhi have been increased by Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission;

(b) if so the percentage of this;

(c) increase after fixation of new rates what is the minimum and maximum rates on which consumers of Delhi are going to pay for electricity; and

(d) the rates on which electricity distribution companies are purchasing the electricity from electricity generation and transmission companies?

Mega power plant at Bawana

1124. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some private companies have shown interest to develop a mega power generation plant at Bawana at NCT of Delhi recently;

(b) if so, the names of the companies who have shown interest to develop this power plant; and

(c) whether Government have already considered the proposal of private firms and if so, the details thereof?

Privatisation of distribution of Power in National Capital

1125. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH:
Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that after privatisation of distribution of power in the national capital even after a year the ground situation remains grim;

(b) whether it is also a fact that distribution reforms in the power sector may lead to a drop in tariff;

(c) if so, the steps being taken in this direction; and

(d) the other measures in the pipeline in order to step up the distribution facilities?

Power theft in Delhi

1126. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH:
Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether out of 55.2 per cent losses due to power theft in Delhi, seven per cent can be attributed to slum dwellers;

(b) whether annual losses due to thefts were to the tune of Rs. 1400 crore at the time of privatisation;

(c) if so, to what extent these have been reduced so far;

(d) what steps are being taken to reduce the power theft cases; and

(e) whether Government propose to set up special courts to deal such cases?

Constitution of tribunal for dispute in sharing hydro-electric power

1127. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has proposals

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for the constitution of Tribunal for settlement of Inter-State Disputes for sharing Hydro-Electric Power;

(b) if so, whether Government has plans to form such a tribunal in order to speedy settlement of inter-State disputes;

(c) if so, by when would the tribunal be constituted; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Displaced people of Tehri and Dhauli Ganga projects

†1128. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of families to be displaced by Tehri and Dhauli Ganga projects and the number of persons already displaced so far, project-wise;

(b) whether Government are aware of the ongoing movement of Tehri dam affected people for fixing a date for family determination and the due compensation etc.; and

(c) if so, the main demands of the movement alongwith the details of the steps being taken to meet the demands?

Programme for rural electrification

1129. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any scheme and programme for development of rural electrification in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total amount being provided for implementation of the above scheme during the Tenth Plan?

Thermal Power Projects

1130. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether three thermal power projects including the 1000 MW project of National Thermal Power Corporation at Mouda near Nagpur, have been under consideration of the Central Government;

(b) if so, at what stage of approval the same stand at present; and

(c) the sources of coal supplies identified therefor?

New Power Distribution Technique

1131. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new technique SCADA system has been developed in the power sector to control the distribution of power from sub-stations and also for super monitoring and dissemination of power distribution related data;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of the States where this new technique has been introduced; and

(d) the time by when it is likely to be introduced in remaining States of the country?

Power generation capacity of NTPC

†1132. SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantum of power in thousand Megawatts being generated in the country every year;

(b) the quantum of power in thousand Megawatts out of the above quantum being generated by the NTPC; and

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(c) whether the efforts are being made by the NTPC to enhance its power generation capacity in future; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

New hydro-electric projects in J&K

1133. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Jammu and Kashmir is one of the 16 States identified for feasibility studies of new hydro-electric projects;

(b) the estimated potential in Jammu and Kashmir; and

(c) whether the hydro power would help provide stability to the electric grid and improve the power situation in Jammu and Kashmir?

Setting up a power grid sub-station at Sheetalpur in Bihar

1134. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a power grid sub-station at Sheetalpur in Bihar;

(b) if so, the cost of the project; and

(c) by when the work is likely to start and the target for completion of the project?

Generation of power in M. P. Chhattisgarh and Maharashtra

† 1135. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of power generated in Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Maharashtra at present;

(b) the details of total demand of power

in these States and the measures taken to meet this; and

(c) the details of Memorandum of Understanding signed by the State Governments to increase power generation in these States?

Hydel power potential in H.P.

† 1136. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Himachal Pradesh has capacity to generate 25,000 MW of hydel power; and

(b) if so, schemes of Government to exploit the same?

Funds for rural electrification in Himachal Pradesh

1137. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent by the Rural Electrification Corporation for providing electricity in Himachal Pradesh, specially in hilly regions and far-flung areas during the last three years, year-wise; and

(b) the reasons for tardy progress in rural electricity in the State?

Hydel power projects

† 1138. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have fixed the target of generating 50,000 MW of power by increasing the share of hydel power projects in the country;

(b) if so, what action Government have taken to exploit the installed capacity of hydel power project in Himachal Pradesh; and

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(c) the future planning with regard to Himachal Pradesh?

Power deficit in the country

1139. SHRI C. RAMA-CHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the energy and peaking shortages at the end of the Ninth Plan are 7.5 per cent and 12.6 per cent respectively;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the working group on power estimated that the energy and peaking shortages would be 11.6 per cent and 9.5 per cent respectively, if the capacity addition targets are met;

(c) given the successive failures in Eighth Plan, Ninth Plan and the first year of Tenth Plan, whether Government are really confident of achieving the capacity addition target in Tenth Plan;

(d) the projected deficits after Tenth Plan if the plan targets are not achieved; and

(e) the contingency plan to tackle the huge deficit?

Selling power to consumers at exorbitant price by SEBs

1140. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that State Electricity Boards of Electricity Utilities purchase power mainly from NTPC and NHPC at comparatively cheaper rates and then sell it to the consumers at exorbitant price;

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

(c) the steps Government propose to take to protect the interests of consumers particularly the domestic consumers of power in the country?

Financial assistance provided by Japan to Tripura Power Project

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Japan has given financial aid for a 500 MW Tripura Power Project and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it would be the one of the biggest power plants in the North-East and would sell surplus power to Bangladesh, Punjab, Delhi, Haryana, West Bengal, besides Tripura?

Assistance for energising electric irrigation pump sets in A.P.

1142. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rural Electrification Corporation provides funds to the States for energising electric irrigation pump sets;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the funds provided by the Corporation to Andhra Pradesh during the last three years, year-wise and number of pump sets energized during the said period in the State, district-wise?

Assistance rovided by REC to A.P.

1143. SHRI C. RAMA-CHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Rural Electrification Corporation has agreed to provide financial assistance to the tune of Rs. 1100 crores to the State Government of Andhra Pradesh for the year 2003-04; and

(b) if so, the details of amount released in this regard?

**Construction of roads under PMGSY
in Assam**

1144. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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

(b) whether the target has since been achieved;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Funds to Madhya Pradesh for potable
water**

†1145. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Madhya Pradesh had demanded an amount of Rs. 2333 lakhs for the schemes of 5 districts affected by the potable water quality *vide* their letters dated November 12, 2002 and January 28, 2003;

(b) whether that amount has been released to the State Government; if not, the reasons thereof; and

(c) by when this amount will be released?

**Constitution of a separate body for
land reforms**

1146. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA
RAO:
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY
SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to constitute a separate body for land reforms and wasteland development;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to ensure that there is optimum utilisation of wasteland and land reforms to bring benefit to farmers?

**Golden Jubilee Rural Self-employment
Scheme**

†1147. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN
SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI LAJPAT RAI:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Golden Jubilee Rural Self-employment Scheme was commissioned in April, 1999;

(b) if so, the target set for creating additional employment opportunities under this scheme;

(c) the amount of funds allocated every year for the purpose; and

(d) since the beginning of this scheme to March, 2003, what was the assessment of target achievement regarding creation of employment every year and the amount allocated each year for the purpose?

Funds for completion of project

1148. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that around 9000 projects in the cash-strapped State of Orissa are lying half-way on account of paucity of funds;

(b) whether for want of funds, the State is finding it difficult to go ahead with the

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construction and this is adding further to the list of half completed projects; and

(c) if so, the assistance rendered by the Centre to help the State to complete all the on-going projects to boost the economy of the State?

Relaxation in norms for rural development funds

1149. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether in an attempt to make up for the undue delay in releasing funds for various rural development and poverty alleviation programmes, the Centre had decided to relax the norms for clearing the second and final instalment during the current fiscal;

(b) if so, what are the main relaxation norms made in the latest order;

(c) by what time these orders will be implemented;

(d) whether rural development funds have been released to all the States; and

(e) if so, to what extent they have been able to implement these schemes after releasing the funds?

Financial aid to drought affected families of Rajasthan

1150. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMAD KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of financial aid and loans advanced to the drought affected families in the State of Rajasthan under SJGSJ during the last three years and as on date, year-

wise and district-wise with particular reference to Barmer district;

(b) the extent of success achieved in bringing the BPL families above that status, women, disabled persons and BPL family-wise;

(c) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to increase the amount of financial aid and loans;

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

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Special projects for undeveloped districts of Orissa

1151. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to implement special projects for undeveloped districts of western Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to implement special projects for undeveloped districts of western Orissa keeping in view the fact that the newly created Coastal Orissa Development Council is not able to do enough development works due to lack of sufficient funds from State Government?

Schemes for rural areas

1152. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of new schemes and programmes formulated by the Government for two-third population residing in rural areas of the country during the Tenth Plan for total poverty alleviation; and

(b) the details indicating the total budget

allotted for implementation of the said scheme in the country?

Construction of roads in hilly States under PMGSY

† 1153. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the length of the roads in kilometers expected to be constructed in different States during the financial year 2003-04 under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana;

(b) whether there is any proposal to completely relax the criteria for selection of roads under this Yojana in hilly States and select them as per requirement of the state area; and

(c) if not, the steps proposed to be taken to bring hilly States in line with other States so that they could be benefited like other States?

Community sanitary complexes for women in Orissa

1154. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government provides assistance for setting up of community sanitary complexes for women in villages Under Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC);

(b) if so, the total grants provided to Orissa during the last three years for the purpose and number of sanitary complexes set up, year-wise; and

(c) the fresh steps taken by Government for speedy construction of community sanitary complexes in all the villages in Orissa?

Budget for ARWSP

† 1155. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been preparing an exaggerated budget regarding Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of the funds sought for Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme during the last three years alongwith the amount spent during the said period?

Swajaldhara Scheme in Karnataka

1156. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals for rural water schemes sent by the Karnataka Government under the Swajaldhara Scheme;

(b) how many villages are proposed to be covered in Karnataka under the above scheme;

(c) the amount of grant allocated to Karnataka during 2003-04 for the above scheme; and

(d) whether Government propose to exempt Karnataka from mobilising 10 per cent public contribution for these projects in view of drought in Karnataka in the State?

Funds allotted to U.P. under ARWSP

1157. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the district-wise details of funds allotted to Uttar Pradesh under Accelerated

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Rural Water Supply Programme during the years 2001-2002, 2002-2003 and 2003-2004;

(b) the details of targets fixed under the programme; and

(c) the district-wise number of villages in the State benefited under the scheme during the above period?

Achievement of SGSY

1158. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana was launched to address deficiencies of the earlier Integrated Rural Development Programme and other complimentary schemes in 1999;

(b) if so, what is the success or failure of the Yojana; and

(c) the steps being taken to achieve the targets set out in the Yojana?

Funds to J & K under SGRY

1159. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has released any amount to Jammu and Kashmir State under Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana for the year 2002-2003;

(b) if so, the total amount released;

(c) whether the Ministry has also released wheat and rice to the State;

(d) whether the amount and foodgrains released are adequate to meet the needs of the States; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

SGRY in Assam

1160. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to launch Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana in NER, particularly in the State of Assam;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof; and

(c) the funds allocated/proposed to be allocated to the State of Assam under the scheme?

Employment under SGRY in Himachal Pradesh

1161. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of additional employment provided under Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana till date in Himachal Pradesh, district-wise;

(b) whether Government have set-up any machinery for monitoring the implementation of Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana in Himachal Pradesh;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Computerisation of land records in Vidarbha, Maharashtra

1162. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed the progress made in computerisation of land records in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and progress made in Vidarbha region of Maharashtra;

(c) whether Government have fixed time limit to complete computerisation of land records all over the country;

- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken to complete the job in that limit?

Diversion of money provided under Employment Guarantee Scheme

1163. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Maharashtra Government has diverted over Rs. 5,500 crore of Employment Guarantee Scheme towards pending salaries of State employees;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government propose to close down the scheme in the State due to this reason;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the measures suggested by Government for proper utilisation of money provided for the scheme by State Government?

Construction of roads in inaccessible villages of Koraput district in Orissa

1164. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a project has been drawn up to construct roads to link about 200 inaccessible villages in Koraput district of Orissa;
- (b) if so, the details of the project and the total outlay involved; and
- (c) by when the project would be completed and whether Centre has contributed for this project; if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Release of funds under SGSY and IAY to Madhya Pradesh

†1165. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the second instalment of money due under S.G.S.Y. and Indira Awas Yojana in the year 2002-2003 for various districts of Madhya Pradesh was released in March, 2003;
- (b) if so, whether this amount was fully utilised upto March 31, 2003;
- (c) whether the amount of first instalment under Swarnjayanti Grameen Rozgar Yojana, Indira Awas Yojana and Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana for Madhya Pradesh for 2003-2004 has not been released till 16th June, 2003; and
- (d) if so, the reasons for this delay?

ARWSP in Gujarat

1166. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of progress made so far under ARWSP and drinking water component under PMGY;
- (b) the number of villages having population of more than 500 and 1000 covered under these schemes so far in Gujarat, district-wise;
- (c) the funds allocated under the scheme during the last three years, district-wise and scheme-wise; and
- (d) by when all the villages are likely to get drinking water under the above schemes?

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Alleviation of rural poverty through land reforms

1167. SHRI C. RAMA-CHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Ninth Plan identified the land reforms as an important policy instrument for the alleviation of rural poverty;

(b) if so, the progress in various States in this regard;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Planning Commission has expressed unhappiness over the lack of progress in the Plan appraisal; and

(d) the reaction of Government and action proposed in this regard?

Export of textiles

1168. SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMACHANDRAYYA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's export of textiles have registered an increase during first nine months of the year 2002-2003;

(b) if so, the value of exports in this regard and the value of exports during corresponding period of last year; and

(c) the total exports expected for the present year?

Expansion of mulberry sericulture in new and non-traditional areas

1169. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Sericulture Projects

envisage expansion of mulberry sericulture in new and non-traditional areas (outside Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir);

(b) how do the achievements in the new areas compare with the targets in terms of production of Bivoltine Cocoon and productivity;

(c) whether the performance of the projects has been evaluated; if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the State-wise and year-wise targets and achievements with steps taken or proposed to be taken for expansion of bivoltine sericulture during Tenth Plan?

Protection to Indian garment exporters in WTO

1170. SHRI G.K. VASAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to taken steps to protect the interest of Indian garments exporters in WTO;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Boosting export of handloom products

1171. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMAD KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to SARS epidemic that threatened South East Asian countries the Indian Handloom sector had suffered a loss of one thousand crore of export earnings;

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

(c) the steps contemplated by Government to boost the export of handloom products to bridge the shortfall in the export earning?

Revival of handloom and powerloom sectors

† 1172. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether handloom and powerloom sector is on the verge of closure in the country specially in Maharashtra;

(b) whether due to the closure of handloom and powerloom in those areas, the traditional weavers are facing financial crunch; and

(c) if so, the measures have been taken by Government for the revival of handloom and powerloom industry in Vidarbha region?

Rapid development of textiles industry

† 1173. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government for rapid development of textiles industry and to make it a profitable industry under the National Textiles Policy, 2000;

(b) whether the same has been implemented;

(c) if so, the result thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Exports of textiles products from Rajasthan

1174. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMAD KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the textile industries of Rajasthan are passing through a period of recession;

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

(c) the reasons therefor;

(d) whether textiles products from Rajasthan are being exported;

(e) if so, the details thereof indicating the export earnings during the last three years;

(f) whether the ban imposed by WTO on the exports of Indian textiles is still operative;

(g) by when, the ban would expire; and

(h) the steps contemplated by Government to help the textiles industries of Rajasthan?

Deduction of Festival advance from employees by NCT mills

1175. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the mills affiliated with the National Textile Corporation Tamil Nadu & Pondicherry Ltd. are deducting the amount given during the Diwali festival at the time of retirement even though the agreement reached with the Labour Unions does not allowed such deduction; and

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the remedy contemplated by the Ministry to solve this issue?

Security scheme for workers of handloom and powerloom sectors

† 1176. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministry of Textiles propose to implement some special security schemes for workers of handloom and powerloom sectors;

(b) if so, by when they will be implemented; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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