

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
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(Ministries: Commerce and Industry; Defence; Home Affairs; Non-Conventional Energy Sources; Power; Rural Development; Textiles)

Total number of questions — 155

Zones set up for promotion of exports

†735. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have set up Special Economic Zone, Export Processing Zone, etc to increase exports in the country;

(b) if so, the number of zones set up with different names in the country so far;

(c) the average number of units in these zones;

(d) whether these units have made exports during 2004-05 and from April to September in 2005-06; and

(e) if so, the value of this export and its percentage to the total exports made by the country during this period?

Trade Agreements signed by India

736. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL:
Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) how many Free Trade Agreements, Preferential Trading Arrangements and Regional Trading Arrangements have been signed by India so far;

(b) how many such Agreements/ Arrangements are under the consideration of Government; and

(c) what economic benefit India would derive from each one of these Agreements/ Arrangements?

Trade between India and Pakistan

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

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Pakistan have pledged to sort out outstanding trade related issues;

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(b) whether Commerce Ministers of India and Pakistan met recently and had discussion as to how trade between two countries could be improved;

(c) what were main points discussed between the Ministers;

(d) whether any agreement between India and Pakistan has been reached;

(e) whether both countries have agreed to take up issues jointly at WTO; and

(f) if so, what is the trade level between India and Pakistan at present and to what extent it will be further improved?

Export promotion schemes

†738. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are launching many export promotion schemes for increasing exports from the country;

(b) if so, the names of these schemes;

(c) the amount of financial assistance proposed to be provided under each scheme; and

(d) the total amount of financial assistance provided to the trade institutions under these schemes during 2004-2005?

Export of agricultural products

†739. SHRI SURENDRA LATH:
SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have launched

any special scheme to increase the export of agricultural products;

(b) if so, the details of the products included therein and the incentives given to exporters;

(c) the value of agricultural products exported during the last three years till date and increase in the exports likely to be achieved through the new scheme;

(d) whether export of agricultural products has declined continuously during the last three years; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor alongwith the details thereof?

Perfume manufacturing units

740. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI:
SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of perfume manufacturing units in the country;

(b) the problems being faced by such units; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to solve those problems?

Trade with US

741. SHRI DARA SINGH:
SHRI S. ANBALAGAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that our current level of trade with the United States stand at \$21 billion which is far below potential;

(b) whether any fruitful talks in this regard were held recently with the visiting US trade representative Rob Portman

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particularly with regard to removal of non-tariff barriers on Indian products by the US; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and by when reported target of \$40 billion is likely to be achieved?

Rice export

742. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of rice exported during the last three years, with Basmati and non-Basmati rice separately;

(b) the steps taken to improve export of rice, non-Basmati rice in particular; and

(c) the target fixed for export of rice during the Tenth Plan period and the steps taken to achieve that?

SEZ in Karnataka

743. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up Special Economic Zone, IT Special Economic Zone and the Export Promotion Industrial Park in the country and more particularly in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the likely benefits that will accrue to Karnataka with the establishment of above Zones/Parks?

Extension of moratorium period to coffee growers

744. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering the demand of the coffee growers to extend

the moratorium period for coffee growers who were not able to secure the interest waiver extended under the Special Coffee Term Loan Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the additional benefits Government propose to extend to the coffee growers?

Steps to contain falling tobacco prices

745. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that due to falling tobacco prices, the tobacco growers of Andhra Pradesh and various other States are facing problems in purchasing seeds and fertilizers and are not in a position to continue tobacco cultivation which is leading to huge loss of foreign exchange to our nation;

(b) if so, whether Government would assure of making procurement of entire tobacco production mandatory through the Tobacco Board, which may fix remunerated prices of tobacco every year;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

AEZ for tobacco in A.P.

746. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that tobacco exports from the country have crossed an all time high during this year touching 163 tonnes valued at about Rs. 1,362 crore;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that in spite of this, the Ministry of Commerce has not formed an exclusive Agri-Export-Zone (AEZ) for tobacco in Andhra Pradesh, which is the tobacco capital of the country; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

Steps to develop tobacco exports

747. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to set up an Inter-Ministerial task force to coordinate and help develop tobacco exports;

(b) whether it is a fact that foreign imports are damaging Indian farmers;

(c) whether Government has initiated any steps to ensure that Indian farmers are not damaged by foreign imports;

(d) what are the reasons for Government dealing with the problem in a very slow manner; and

(e) the steps proposed to ensure that Indian tobacco is not exposed to unfair competition from foreign products in this area?

Export of white sugar

748. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to allow export of white sugar against raw sugar imported under advance license;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are facing shortage of raw sugarcane in the country;

(d) if so, where from Government will import the raw sugarcane and in what quantity; and

(e) the details thereof?

Promotion of bilateral trade by Pakistan

749. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan has promised measures to step up bilateral trade with India, including an open sky policy and easing Visa restrictions;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) Government's response thereto and reciprocal measures taken by Government; and

(d) how far trade between the two countries is likely to increase compared to the preceding three years?

Modern tobacco barns

750. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plans to help tobacco farmers build modern tobacco barns to reduce fuel consumption;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that very little financial help is being given to farmers presently for this matter;

(c) what steps will be taken by Government to divert some of the huge revenues collected on Virginia tobacco products to help the Virginia tobacco farmers; and

(d) the steps proposed by Government to encourage farmers develop and build modern facilities?

Role of Tobacco Board

751. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Tobacco

Board is restricting the quantity of tobacco grown in various States;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for the Tobacco Board not helping tobacco farmers;

(c) to what extent is the Tobacco Board helping farmers in growing Virginia tobacco this year;

(d) what steps will Government take to ensure that Virginia tobacco is encouraged in various States to help farmers; and

(e) what are the reasons for/lack of funding by Tobacco Board for improving this crop?

Protectionist policies of US Government

752. SHRIMANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether of late the U.S. Government while pressing for the opening of World Markets for her exporters is pursuing extremely protectionist policies preventing the access of the domestic market for the foreign countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to correct the market distortions as a result of the U.S. policy and the extent of the success achieved therein?

Investments from Japanese companies

753. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has recently invited investments from Japanese companies; and

(b) if so, the areas in which the investments have been sought and the

reaction of the Japanese companies in the matter?

Rejection of export consignments

754. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that India again tops the list of rejection of food and drug export consignments;

(b) whether it is a fact that the US rejected as many as 256 food export consignments in August, 2005 on grounds of sanitary, phytosanitary (SPS) and technical parameters;

(c) whether it is a fact that there are cases of rejection of products from developed countries like Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Japan, New Zealand and UK also; and

(d) if so, whether Government has made any investigations in this regard?

Imposition of dumping duty on shrimps by US

755. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that US still imposes dumping duty on shrimps from our country;

(b) whether Government has made a request to US authorities to lift such duties keeping in view the sufferings of our fishermen in the last natural calamities;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) how far has this anti-dumping duty affected exports of shrimps from Orissa during 2004-05; and

(e) what is the action plan of USA to address this issue?

Trade with Israel

756. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that after withdrawal of Israel's forces from Gaza Strip, there will be congenial atmosphere for trade with Israel;

(b) if so, has Government examined the chances of boosting bilateral trade with Israel;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Implementation of SAFTA

757. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state what steps have so far been taken by India and other South Asian countries towards implementation of the South Asian Free Trade Area (SAFTA) accord, item-wise?

Setting up of Inter-State Trade Council

758. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has set up an Inter State Trade Council as announced in the Foreign Trade Policy this year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) how many meetings of this Council have been held so far;

(d) whether any guidelines have been issued to State Governments for promotion of trade; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Items imported under WTO

†759. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the list of items imported during the last three years under WTO agreement alongwith their value thereof;

(b) the extent to which it has adversely affected the economy of the country;

(c) whether Government propose to issue a white paper on the effects arising from WTO agreement; and

(d) if so, by when?

Export of Indian marine products

760. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether export of Indian Marine Products have been adversely affected because of Sanitary and Phyto-Sanitary (SPS) measures;

(b) if so, the details thereof, product-wise, country-wise and year-wise during the last two years;

(c) the details of the impact of the sea-food sector in the country; and

(d) the details of steps taken by Government to enhance export of sea food?

Purchase of defence aircrafts

†761. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: SHRI SURENDRA LATH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether to improve combat capacity Government propose to purchase 126

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aircrafts, 80 helicopters and refueller aircrafts that refuel in the sky;

(b) if so, the extent of success achieved in this regard;

(c) by when this purchase would be made and whether all-out efforts would be made to bring transparency in this procurement; and

(d) if so, the details thereof so as to maintain transparency?

Acquisition of MIG 29 by Bangladesh

762. SHRI R.K. ANAND:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that Bangladesh is intending to buy a squadron of MIG-29s; and

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

Court martialled Army officer in Tehelka scandal

†763. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER
SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an Army Officer has been convicted and penalised by general court martial in Tehelka scandal;

(b) if so, the name of the officer and the charges framed against him; and

(c) the charges found correct out of them by the court?

Recruitment to Defence services on caste basis

764. SHRI SANJAY RAUT:
SHRI MANOJ
BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been several demands from some quarters that the recruitment to Defence services should be done on the basis of caste with SC, ST and Other Backward Classes;

(b) whether the demand has also been made for raising an entire regiment based exclusively on castes, religion or State; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

Modernisation of Armed Forces

765. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:
SHRIMATI MOHSINA
KIDWAI:
SHRI GIREESH KUMAR
SANGHI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) how much budget allocations were earmarked for modernization of Armed Forces during the years 2002, 2003 and 2004;

(b) how much amount was actually spent out of these allocations;

(c) what is the status of current Modernization Plan for the year 2005; and

(d) whether our Armed Forces have developed matching strategic plans to effectively tackle any eventuality in view of belligerent and hostile environments around us?

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Commercial autonomy to PSEs and ordnance units under MOD

766. SHRI SANTOSH
BAGRODIA:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering giving more commercial autonomy to the PSEs and ordnance units under the Ministry;

(b) whether Government has received the recommendations of the Kelkar Committee on the issue;

(c) what are the major recommendations of the Kelkar Committee;

(d) whether the Kelkar Committee has also made recommendations regarding the management of PSEs;

(e) whether Government has finalized its views on those recommendations;

(f) if so, the details of Government's view on the Kelkar Committee's recommendations; and

(g) how long will it take for Government to finalize the plan of action to implement those recommendations?

Armed Forces Tribunal

767. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH:
SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the long standing demand of the armed forces to have Armed Forces Tribunal has been cleared by the Government;

(b) if so, what are the terms of reference given to the proposed Tribunal;

(c) whether the cases of armed forces personnel pending in various High Courts

are going to be transferred to the proposed Tribunal; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Maritime patrol aircraft

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

(a) whether it is a fact that India with 7,516 kms of coastline, 1197 islands and 2.01 millions of Exclusive Economy Zone does not have a single latest long range maritime patrol aircraft operating;

(b) if so, whether this proposal is there in the Tenth Defence Plan; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Installation of bio-digesters in Siachen

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Army has installed bio-digesters capable of burning human waste to address growing pollution on the Siachen glacier;

(b) if so, the details of how these bio-digesters help in arresting environmental pollution at Siachen; and

(c) the cost of installing bio-digesters?

Shortage of civilian personnel in Navy

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

(a) whether the Navy has staved off a shortfall in personnel for two major projects with the Government approving the recruitment of nearly 2,000 personnel; and

(b) if so, the steps taken in this direction to increase the strength of civilian personnel in the Navy?

Ban on sale of camouflage clothes of the Army

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to seek ban on sale of camouflage clothes of the Army by private shops in the interest of national security;

(b) if so, the status of the proposal;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government proposes to effect changes in the dresses of our Jawans from a strategic point of view; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Detection of North Korean ship carrying arms and ammunition

772. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a North Korean ship carrying arms and ammunition was recently noticed by the Naval Intelligence while heading towards India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the ship had unloaded its arms on any Indian port and if so, the details thereof?

Rashtriya Rifles Battalions

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

(a) the number of Rashtriya Rifles

Battalions raised by the Indian Army during the last two years to meet the special counter insurgency operations in Jammu and Kashmir; and

(b) what was the original number of battalions approved by Government?

Flying of US F-16s in joint exercise with India

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

(a) whether the US Air Force will fly its F-16 planes for the first time in India in a joint exercise;

(b) if so, the details of number of flights which participated in the exercise;

(c) what is the aim of the joint exercises;

(d) the expenditure incurred thereupon;

(e) whether there were protests during the exercises at the venue; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

MiG Crashes

775. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of MiG-21 and MiG-29, Air Force aircraft that have met with accidents during the last three months; month-wise;

(b) the total number of lives lost as a result thereof;

(c) the total financial loss suffered by Government as a result of these accidents; and

(d) whether Government are considering to put such aircrafts under the shadows for ever; and if not the reasons therefor?

Mandatory HIV test for JCOs and other ranks

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the defence headquarters proposes to make HIV test mandatory for those who want to become Junior Commissioned Officers and other ranks in the army;

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

(c) whether all army centers are equipped with HIV testing facilities?

Increase in AIDS cases amongst Indian soldiers

†777. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an increase in the cases of AIDS amongst Indian soldiers;

(b) if so, the number of soldiers who died of AIDS during the last two years and the number of soldiers infected with the said disease at present;

(c) whether any action plan has been made by the Government to make soldiers aware in this regard so that they can remain safe against this disease; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Suspension/Court martial of senior officers

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

(a) the number of senior officers of Defence Forces suspended/court martialled during the last two years;

(b) the reasons for suspending/court martialling these officers;

(c) whether Government have tried to ascertain the reasons for indiscipline in senior officers; and

(d) the efforts being made by the Government to inculcate character-building in senior officers?

Reconstruction of Army posts and bunkers destroyed in earthquake

†779. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the plan made for reconstruction of army posts and bunkers destroyed due to the earthquake which occurred in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) by when the work of reconstruction of the same will be completed; and

(c) whether there is any plan to do it on priority basis in view of the coming winter season?

Steps to keep bird menace at bay at HAL airport

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

(a) whether Government are aware that due to bird hit, MIG-21 crashed at HAL airport, Bangalore recently;

(b) if so, what are the steps taken to keep the bird menace at bay at HAL Airport;

(c) whether any inquiry has been ordered into the above incident; and

(d) if so, what are the results of the inquiry?

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Smuggling of cattle from India to Bangladesh

781. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that smuggling of cattle from India to Bangladesh which is valued approximately at Rs. 1000 cr. per annum has turned out to be a major menace for the BSF personnel manning the posts as the 1500 km. Indo-Bangladesh border is either not fenced, or is riverine where policing is very difficult;

(b) whether it is a fact that Indian cattle feeds is a Rs. 2000 cr. industry in Bangladesh covering leather, meat supply and meat export etc.; and

(c) if so, the steps Government proposes to take to check this illegal trade?

Suicides by soldiers of security forces

†782. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the incidents of committing suicides by soldiers of security forces are rapidly increasing in the wake of not sanctioning their leave etc. by their senior officials;

(b) if so, the details of such cases which have taken place during the last year;

(c) whether any scheme has been formulated by Government to prevent such incidents; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Non-implementation of Sarkaria Commission's recommendations

783. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the recent observations of the Supreme Court regarding non-implementation of the Sarkaria Commission's recommendations in the matter of appointment of Governors of the States; and

(b) if so, what steps consistent with the Sarkaria Commission's report if any, have been taken in the light thereof?

Foreigners Staying in India Illegally

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

(a) whether it is a fact that in the name of studying theology several foreigners are illegally staying and living in Mathura, Uttar Pradesh for years, even after the expiry of their visa period;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that these foreigners have also purchased land there; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto and whether Government propose to take some appropriate steps with the help of the State Government?

Custodial violence

785. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many cases of custodial violence against women have been reported in the period 2003 to 2005;

(b) how many cases of custodial violence have been referred to the courts in this period; and

(c) how many convictions have there been in this period?

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Construction of high altitude roads

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

(a) whether Government had agreed to build 28 roads on high altitudes for more accessible areas;

(b) if so, the details worked out so far;

(c) whether Government also has any proposal for an independent Air Wing to streamline air-maintained operations for the ITBP;

(d) if so, the details like the ITBP posts that were identified for this purpose;

(e) the amount to be allocated to each post for this purpose;

(f) whether Government had set any time-frame to complete the said works; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

Deportation of Bangladeshi origin criminals

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

(a) whether a number of criminals of Bangladeshi origin have been apprehended in Delhi;

(b) if so, the number thereof during the last three years ending 31st October, 2005, year-wise; and

(c) the number out of them who have been deported?

Extension of the tenure of Liberhan Commission

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

(a) whether Government have extended

the tenure of the Liberhan Commission recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons therefor;

(d) the amount incurred so far by the Commission; and

(e) the amount to be incurred by the Commission in future?

Vacancies in para-military forces

789. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of vacancies have occurred in para-military forces due to raising of new battalion;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) how these vacancies are filled; and

(d) the method by which vacancies are distributed among various recruitment centers in the States?

Wastage of land due to border fencing in J&K

790. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that thousands acres of land is rendered waste due to fencing in border areas of Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details of the land particularly in tehsil R.S. Pura, Samba, Bishnah, Bajipur, Hiranagar and Akhnoor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that one village Nekowal's hundred acres land is rendered waste due to fencing and the details thereof;

(d) whether Government have any proposal to shift this fencing to extreme border; and

(e) if not, whether Government have any proposal to pay compensation to land owners?

Communal Violence at Mau in Uttar Pradesh

791. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA:
SHRIMATI KAMLA
MANHAR:
SHRI DHARAM PAL
SABHARWAL:
SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the persons or groups behind the communal riots at Mau in Uttar Pradesh during October, 2005 have been identified and arrests made;

(b) if so, the number of persons arrested in this connection;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Uttar Pradesh Government appointed Committee to enquire into riots at Mau;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to ensure that such type of incidents do not occur in future?

Cases of Communal Violence

792. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA
MURTHY:
SHRI SANTOSH
BAGRODIA:
SHRIMATI PREMA
CARIAPPA:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many cases of communal

violence were reported during the recent festive month;

(b) which were the affected areas;

(c) the figures of loss of lives and property;

(d) whether Government have ascertained the causes of such incidents;

(e) whether complicity of public servants have been observed in the cases of communal violence, if so, what steps are being taken;

(f) what steps are being taken to rehabilitate the victims; and

(g) whether Government are considering to evolve a comprehensive manual for the local administration to expeditiously contain and control the communal violence; if so, the details thereof?

Infiltration of Bangladeshi nationals

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bangladeshi infiltrators are being infiltrated with the help of BDR jawans;

(b) if so, whether Government have registered their protest with Bangladesh Government officially;

(c) the response of Government of Bangladesh thereto;

(d) whether Government have made any efforts at political level to check infiltration; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

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Terrorists camps in Bangladesh

†794. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that anti-India terrorists camps are still operating in Bangladesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this matter has been taken up during the D.G. level talks held in September between the officers of BSF and BDR;

(d) if so, the response of Bangladesh thereon; and

(e) the other matters which were taken up during the talks?

Separate Development Board for Konkan region

†795. SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS BALAPTE:
PROF. R.B.S VARMA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in pursuance of the resolution unanimously passed by both the Houses of Maharashtra Legislature, a proposal for constitution of a separate Development Board for Konkan region in Maharashtra was made in April, 1989;

(b) the reasons for the inordinate delay and the stage at which the same has been pending; and

(c) the steps taken and being taken for expediting the matter?

Illegal Bangladeshis in coastal areas of Orissa

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

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bangladeshis have infiltrated into the coastal areas of Mahakalkpada of Kendrapara district and others in Orissa in a big way;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these illegal settlers have since been identified by the district administration; and

(c) if so, what is the action plan of Centre to help the State administration to deport these illegal settlers back to Bangladesh?

National Disaster Management Authority

797. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Disaster Management Authority has not so far been provided with staff, office furniture, stationery etc.;

(b) if so, when this nodal agency will be geared up finally to tackle the "after effects of earthquake", etc.; and

(c) how much financial allocation has been made for the NDMA and whether experts have been associated with the Authority?

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**Additional assistance to Orissa for
modernisation of police force**

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

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Centre
has decided to enhance its assistance for
modernization of police forces and grant
Rs. 2 crores each to all naxal affected
districts in the country;

(b) if so, the details of additional
assistance that is proposed to be given to
Orissa under the above project during the
current financial year to control
naxal activities in various districts of the
State;

(c) whether the Centre also propose to
employ central para-military force in Orissa
to control this menace; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Diseases and tension among para-
military forces**

†799. SHRIMATI PREMA
CARIAPPA:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of
the fact that Jawans of para-military forces
are getting into the grip of various serious
diseases and mental tension;

(b) if so, the reasons for such serious
diseases and mental tension among Jawans;

(c) whether Government have received
the report regarding health-related problems
of Jawan of Central Reserve Police Force,
Border Security Force, etc.;

(d) if so, the date on which such report
was received and the details thereof;
and

(e) the steps taken by Government for
the solution of problems of these Jawans?

**Escape of foreign nationals
from remand home**

800. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the
Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased
to state:

(a) whether four foreigners escaped
from a remand home in Narela in North-
West Delhi on 25th October, 2005 by
breaking the roof of their room;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether involvement of some
insiders is suspected in escape of foreign
nationals;

(d) if so, the details thereof and action
taken against them; and

(e) the measures taken by Government
to strengthen security there and check
recurrence of such incidents?

**National Disaster Management
Scheme**

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

(a) the steps being taken by National
Disaster Management Authority
(NDMA)/Government to minimize the
dangers of natural disasters;

(b) whether Government are
formulating National Disaster Management
Scheme; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

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Damage caused by floods in Southern States

802. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any assessment of the damage caused due to the recent floods in the Southern States;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the flood relief assistance proposed to be made to the affected States, State-wise;

(c) whether any Central team visited the affected States;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the recommendations made by the team, State-wise; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Rise in graft cases against Delhi cops

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

(a) whether Government are aware that the graft cases against Delhi cops are rising;

(b) if so, the figure available with Government;

(c) the reasons identified by Government for this increase; and

(d) the steps to be taken by Government to control such cases in future?

Worsening traffic situation in Delhi

804. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to set up a task work force to

suggest ways and means to improve the worsening traffic situation of Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the terms of reference of this Task Force and the time frame within which it would submit its report;

(c) whether the Standing Committee on Home Affairs in its 73rd report had made some recommendations in this respect; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and what is the action plan of Government to implement such recommendations to decongest the traffic?

Encounters with militants in J&K

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

(a) the number of armed encounters between the militants and the security forces that took place in Jammu & Kashmir so far since August this year;

(b) the number of militants, security personnel and civilians who were killed as a result thereof in each case; and

(c) the extent of financial or other assistance given by the Central/State Governments to the next of kin of the civilians who were killed as a result of these encounters?

Killing of tribals in Assam

806. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a militant group murdered 35 Karbi tribals in Assam;

(b) if so, the details of action taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) what Government are doing to tackle such incidents in North East?

Security threat to Eastern part of the country

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

(a) whether Government have received any report that there was a security threat to the Eastern part of the country with Bangladesh being used as a springboard to foment militancy in the region;

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

(c) the steps taken/to be taken by Government in this regard?

Handing over the 1984 riots to CBI

808. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government have issued necessary instruction to again hand over the 1984 anti-sikh matter in Delhi to C.B.I.;

(b) if so, the main reasons for delaying the matter further when 21 years has already lapsed;

(c) the details of the difficulties/problems being faced by Government to decide the matter quickly; if any; and

(d) if not, by when a final decision is expected to be taken?

STF of Karnataka and TN for naxal infected areas

809. SHRI DEVDAS APTE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Government

have called for STF (Special Task Force) from Karnataka and Tamil Nadu, which liquidated Veerappan, to join Task Force to operate in Naxal infected areas?

Modernisation of Police

810. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to modernize the police system by co-ordinating with State Governments for making it transparent and effective as well as people friendly;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Union Government are also considering a proposal to enable police stations to get FIRs through E-mail from the citizens by bringing transparency in the Citizen-Police interface in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof and by when it will be implemented in the country; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Terrorist activities in Northern India

811. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of terrorist activities in the country are increasing day-by-day especially in Northern India;

(b) if so, how many innocent citizens have died during the last one year;

(c) whether Government are planning to form Special Task Force to dig out the terrorists; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Attack on Minorities

812. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the number of incidents where institutions and people belonging to Minorities were attacked;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the incident in Kerala where a Bishop's House was attacked and damaged;

(d) if so, whether any enquiry has been conducted into this incident;

(e) whether the culprits were brought to book; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Rapid Response Forces for Natural Calamities

813. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken by Government to train Rapid Response Forces for rescue and relief operations following natural calamities in the country; and

(b) the proposed strength of the Force and the co-ordinating agency for training and deployment?

Modernisation of Delhi Police

814. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the growing threat of terrorist attacks in the Capital, Central

Government have decided to modernize the Delhi Police and increase its manpower;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the likely cost of the modernization of Delhi Police;

(c) whether this modernization plan also envisages training Police personnel, for disaster management;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Assistance to Chhattisgarh for Modernisation of Police Stations

†815. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chhattisgarh Government have sent a proposal to the Central Government for modernization of the police stations in the Naxalite affected areas;

(b) if so, when the Central Government received this proposal and what action has been taken on it;

(c) the amount of funds and weapons demanded for this purpose; and

(d) by when this proposal is likely to be approved?

Rapes and murders in Metro cities

816. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of rapes and murders have been increased during the last two years in Metro cities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what action has been taken against the culprits; and

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(d) what steps have been taken by Government to control it?

Inclusion of Internal Security in Concurrent List

817. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to include 'internal security' in the List No. III of the Seventh Schedule by a suitable amendment of the Indian Constitution;

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

(c) whether the various State Governments have been consulted in the matter and if so, their reaction thereto?

Joint Operation with Myanmar against insurgents, drug-traffickers and smugglers

818. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India & Myanmar agreed to consolidate joint co-operation and operation against insurgents, drug-traffickers and smugglers;

(b) if so, what progress has been made in this regard;

(c) whether Government have taken any step to stop these illegal activities in this region; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Compensation to the families of 1984 riots

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

(a) whether Government have any proposal to increase the compensation to families of the victims of 1984 anti-Sikh riots;

(b) if so, the modalities worked out so far;

(c) whether Government had received the reports of the Committees of D.K. Sankaran and K.P. Singh in this regard;

(d) if so, the recommendations of these Committees; and

(e) the action taken by Government thereon?

Home Secretary level meeting between India and Myanmar

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

(a) whether the Home Secretary Level meeting between India and Myanmar was held at Yangon recently;

(b) if so, the composition of Indian delegation;

(c) the issues discussed in the meeting;

(d) the outcome thereof;

(e) whether Government had signed any MoU during the meeting; and

(f) if so, the details of such MoUs?

Losses due to rains, floods, land slides etc.

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

(a) the number of persons who lost their lives and those who were rendered homeless in the country during 2005, on account of rains, floods, land slides etc., State-wise;

(b) the Central assistance given to the

affected States, State-wise for relief and rehabilitation of those who suffered as a result thereof;

(c) whether the Central assistance has been actually utilized for the purpose; and

(d) if not, the details of un-spent assistance, State-wise and whether that would be recovered or adjusted against future requirements?

Violation of international borders

†822. DR. CHHATRAPAL SINGH LODHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of instances came into light with regard to violation of international borders in the years 2000-01, 2001-02, 2003-04 and 2005 and the areas where such violations took place;

(b) the action taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) the action being taken by Government in this regard to ensure the non-violation of international boundaries in future?

Rehabilitation work in Tsunami hit areas in Southern States

823. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rehabilitation works are still underway in the Tsunami struck areas in the Southern States of the country;

(b) if so, the State-wise and district-wise details of the status of the work;

(c) the amount so far released to each State by the Centre towards the relief measures;

(d) whether it has come to the notice of Government that some State Governments

diverted the relief amount to other areas; and

(e) if so, the details and response of Government thereto?

Appointment on compassionate ground in BSF and Assam Rifles

824. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of cases of housewives and dependents of Central Security Forces including Border Security Force or Assam Rifles for compassionate or compensatory appointment and rehabilitation have been pending for years together;

(b) if so, the number of housewives and dependents awaiting appointment or rehabilitation as a part of compensation for over one year; and how many of them belong to the State of Punjab; and

(c) the progress made in such rehabilitation work during the years since Kargil war?

Meeting of Committee on Separate Telangana State

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

(a) whether the Committee appointed on a separate Telangana State had met recently;

(b) if so, the details of discussion in the meeting;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) so far how many times the Committee met earlier; and

(e) the expenditure incurred thereon?

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Pending cases of mercy petitions

826. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of mercy petitions from the persons awarded death punishment received by Government during the last five years;

(b) in how many cases, death sentence has been waived/converted into the imprisonment; and

(c) what is the number of petitions still pending for consideration?

Damages caused by land mines along Indo-Pak border

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

(a) whether Government are aware that Common Citizens are either losing their lives or suffering disability in the Indian territory falling along Pakistan border due to not undertaking the clearing work of these land mines properly;

(b) whether it is a fact that adequate compensation has not been paid to them for damages caused due to land mines/loss of cattles;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether any rehabilitation scheme for residents of affected areas has been processed; and

(e) if so, what corrective measures have been taken to provide relief and security to civilian population till date?

Transfer of responsibility for countering terrorism from the BSF to CRPF

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

(a) whether Government had made tactical changes recently, especially the transfer of responsibility for urban counter-terrorism operation from the BSF to the CRPF;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the proposal has been worked out in counter-terrorism; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Foreign help to extremists against India

†829. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Uggravadiyon Ki madad mein videshi haath" appeared in the media recently;

(b) if so, the name of such foreign hand which is helping extremists against India;

(c) the reaction of Government thereto and response of that foreign country; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government in the absence of any response from the same?

Lack of security at Vasant Kunj, New Delhi

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

(a) whether Government have received complaints about lack of security in Vasant

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Kunj particularly adjoining the blocks of Kishangarh, in the senior citizens meetings conducted by the police, on senior citizens day and other occasions;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government to protect them;

(c) whether Government propose to provide special attention to those senior citizens in B-4 block which is connected from all sides with the place of Kishangarh where an extremist was found some months before hiding in a house and was arrested by the police; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Recovery of explosives by J & K police

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

(a) whether a big haul of explosives was recovered in August last by Jammu & Kashmir Police from the premises of a transport company in Srinagar;

(b) whether the huge consignment of explosives, according to police sources, came to the valley from a market in New Delhi;

(c) if so, whether the matter has been thoroughly probed; and

(d) if so, the findings thereof and the action taken thereon?

Recruitment of Indian citizens by terrorist outfits

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

(a) whether Government are aware that the terrorist's outfits are fully active in carrying out the recruitment of Muslims

from South India residing in countries such as Singapore, Indonesia etc;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to tackle such a situation;

(c) whether Government have also contacted the Governments of concerned countries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction thereon?

Tribal and non-Tribal families living in Andaman

833. SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUK-KARASAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Tribal and non-Tribal families living in the different parts of the Andaman district and what was their total population, separately for Tribal and non-Tribal before Tsunami tragedy on 26th December, 2004; and

(b) the number of Tribal and non-Tribal families out of the families as at (a) above, that were actually affected due to earthquake that jolted the Andaman district on 26th December, 2004?

Assessment of damage/losses due to Tsunami

834. SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUK-KARASAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Damage Assessment Committee(s) was/were constituted by the Andaman and Nicobar Administration to assess the damages/losses caused to the human life and properties to the families living in the Andaman district due to earthquake occurred on 26th December, 2004; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

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Financial assistance to Kerala for flood relief

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

(a) whether any proposal of Kerala seeking financial assistance for flood relief from the National Calamity Contingency Fund is pending with Government for sanction and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government turned down the proposal of the State Government if any, for the massive relief operations during the current year; if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the extent of loss reported from Kerala to agricultural crops and irrigation systems following the calamity and the assistance sanctioned by Government to make good the loss thereof?

Relief provided to Tsunami victims from LG's Relief Fund

836. SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUK-KARASAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many families of Andaman District affected by earthquake occurred on 26th December, 2004 were paid immediate relief of Rs. 2000/- per family from LG's Relief Fund; and

(b) how many employees of Andaman & Nicobar administration working in Andaman District working as on 26th December, 2004 were paid immediate relief from LG's Relief Fund?

Attack by sub-ordinates on senior in para-military forces

837. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been increasing incidences of attacks by sub-ordinates on senior cadres due to frustration and stress within para-military forces like CRPF and BSF;

(b) whether deployment of para military personnel, a large number of them from South, at border and remote areas in the North-East over long tenures build up stress and frustration; and

(c) whether Government would initiate moves to get senior officers involved in regular interface with their juniors as also their families to apprise themselves of the family problems of the jawans?

Relief to families affected by Tsunami in Andaman

838. SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUK-KARASAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state how many families living in Andaman District affected by earthquake and Tsunami Tidal wave occurred on 26th December, 2004 paid Rs. 3000/- per family as temporary relief for affected families sanctioned *vide* order No. 631 dated 19th February, 2005 and Rs. 10,000/- per family as Gratuitous relief for loss to house hold articles?

ISI network

†839. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the network of ISI has spread in the North India;

(b) whether it is also a fact that its network spread because of industry, business, contractors and security forces; and

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

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Potential of wind power energy

840. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) the total/estimated potential of wind power energy in the country;
- (b) the total exploitable potential of wind power estimated so far;
- (c) the installed capacity of wind power in the country; and
- (d) the steps taken to exploit more potential of wind power?

Assessment of the potentiality of solar energy

841. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Union Government made any assessment of the potentiality of solar energy in solving the energy needs of the country in the long run;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the follow up steps being taken/proposed to be taken thereon;
- (c) whether any research is being made to harness the solar energy entirely without any wastage; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the achievements made/proposed to be made thereon?

Monitoring the working of IREP

842. SHRI C. RAMA-CHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have any mechanism to monitor the working of the Integrated Rural Energy programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the status of implementation of the programme in the State of Andhra Pradesh during the last one and half year; and

(d) the amount of money spent on the programme in Andhra Pradesh during said period, district-wise details thereof?

Extended loans for generation of solar and wind energy

843. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) the development made in the sphere of sun and wind energy; and
- (b) the loans extended to generate sun and wind energy in the last three years?

Wind Power Association

844. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Wind Power Association has demanded that utilities buy atleast 25 per cent of power produced from renewable sources;
- (b) if so, whether any policy has been formulated in the matter;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

New power plants in Delhi

845. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is planning to start some new power plants especially for supplying electricity in Delhi; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

Shortage of coal and gas

846. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:
SHRI DATTA MEGHE:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that shortage of coal and gas has been responsible for losses in power generation at many thermal power plants in the country in the recent months;

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to amend the situation; and

(c) the total number of thermal plants operating below capacity as per the latest information?

Definition of electrified villages

†847. SHRI SURENDRA LATH:
SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether present definition of an electrified village has been turned to be unsatisfactory as it does not cater to the requirements of the villagers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this definition is required to be revised so that a village should be declared electrified only when a certain number of houses therein get electricity;

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

(e) the measures taken/proposed to be taken to revise the definition regarding electrification of a village?

Athirappilly hydro-electric project in Kerala

848. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI:
Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether necessary clearance has been given to the Athirappilly Hydel Project in Kerala;

(b) if so, the present status of the project;

(c) whether detailed study has been undertaken to ascertain the environmental/ecological impact of this project;

(d) if so, details thereof; and

(e) the time by when the project is expected to be operational?

Amendment in Electricity Act

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Power proposes to amend the sections 61,66,73,75,79,86,107 and 108 of the Electricity Act;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government proposes to decide how much consumer has to pay instead of regulator; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Generation and consumption of power in the country

850. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state the details of power generation and consumption in various States of the country during each of the last three years, State-wise?

T&D losses

851. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any success has been achieved to decrease transmission/distribution losses of power in the country;

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

(c) the position of India *vis-a-vis* other countries; and

(d) the concrete steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

Power project in Tripura

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

(a) by when 750 megawatt thermal power house would be ready in Tripura for power production;

(b) whether its present capacity would be enhanced and if so, how much;

(c) the names of States to whom it would supply power alongwith the quantum thereof particularly to Uttar Pradesh;

(d) the extent to which it would meet the power-requirement of the States; and

(e) the cost of this power project and the way it would be met?

15 crore for rehabilitation of Tehri people to Uttaranchal

853. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are likely to provide Rs. 15 crore to the Uttaranchal Government soon for the rehabilitation of Tehri people;

(b) if so, how long it will take to rehabilitate them;

(c) whether Government are able to fulfil their basic needs or not; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Karnah Power House

854. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that Karnah Power House has been damaged due to recent earthquakes in J&K;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how much time it will take to get it operational?

Financial aid from foreign countries for modernisation and renovation of thermal power plants

†855. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the countries wherefrom financial aid has been received for the modernization and renovation of thermal power projects; and

(b) the details of the action being taken in this regard?

Electrification of villages in M.P. and Chhattisgarh

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

(a) what is the policy of Government as to the rural electrification for the entire country;

(b) what are the details of such villages of Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh which have not been electrified so far; and

(c) by when all the villages of Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh are likely to be electrified?

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Electrification of villages in Jharkhand

†857. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of electrified villages at the time of formation of Jharkhand State *i.e.* on 15th November, 2000;

(b) the number of villages electrified after 5 years of constitution of the State along with those un-electrified till date;

(c) the amount released by Central Government to the State of Jharkhand under this programme during the last five years;

(d) whether Government are satisfied with the progress of the rural electrification; and

(e) if not, what steps are being taken to expedite the pace of rural electrification?

Waive off taxes on LNG used for power plants

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

(a) whether the Ministry has submitted any proposal to the Finance Ministry to waive off customs duty and sales tax on LNG used for power plants;

(b) what is the present rate of customs duty and sales tax on LNG;

(c) the details of the proposal;

(d) whether any response from the Finance Ministry has been received; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

NTPC foraying into nuclear, coal and gas power generation

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

(a) whether it is a fact that NTPC is

planning to enter into nuclear, coal and gas power generation;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for foraying into other areas apart from its conventional area of thermal power;

(c) what is the target set in the Tenth Plan for NTPC; and

(d) what is the target set for NTPC to produce power in the Eleventh Plan?

Joint Venture partners of NTPC for captive mining

860. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the NTPC, largest power generation company, is planning for multiple Joint Venture companies for its ambitious diversification into captive mining; and

(b) if so, whether NTPC has identified Joint Venture partners for captive mining?

Rural electrification under PMGY

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

(a) since when the rural electrification scheme under the Pradhan Mantri Gramodaya Yojana was launched;

(b) the number of villages of Andhra Pradesh electrified during the last three years under this scheme and the funds incurred there on during the period;

(c) whether the name of this scheme has been changed now; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and utility thereof?

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Development/Implementation of rural roads in the country

862. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken by Government for the development/implementation of rural roads in the country during the last two years, State-wise;
- (b) whether Union Government made any allocation of funds for the purpose;
- (c) if so, the details thereof for the last two years and the results achieved thereon, State-wise;
- (d) whether the country still lags behind many countries in development of rural roads;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the steps proposed to be taken thereon?

Funding base of CAPART

863. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether funding base of Council for Advancement of People's Action and Rural Technology (CAPART) is only Rs. 60 crores whereas applications seeking grants worth Rs. 6000 crores have been received; and
- (b) if so, how is it proposed to give grants to organizations which want to take up developmental activities in rural areas?

Directions for implementing Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme

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

- (a) whether Centre has provided directions for the implementation of Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) what is the action plan of Government to ensure strict vigilance and accountability in the project;
- (d) whether Government have selected some districts on the basis of SC/ST population; and
- (e) if so, the districts that have been selected in the SC/ST dominated Orissa State which has the highest density of STs in the country?

Implementation of NREG Programme

†865. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) what are the names of the districts, State-wise, wherein the National Rural Employment Guarantee Programme has been implemented alongwith the dates of its implementation;
- (b) whether the work pertaining to the Constitution of Central Employment Guarantee Council, State Employment Guarantee Council, the Standing Committees on district level and the appointment of districts programme Co-ordinator for this purpose has been completed;
- (c) if not, by when Constitution/

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appointments for these bodies in all the districts will be completed; and

(d) what is the amount of money provided so far district-wise, and the amount proposed to be made available during the current financial year?

**Implementation of NREGS in
Krishnagiri and Dharmapuri
of Tamil Nadu**

866. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any decision has been taken to notify the districts for implementation of National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Krishnagiri and Dharmapuri districts of Tamil Nadu have been included; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Implementation of National Rural
Employment Guarantee Scheme in
Karnataka**

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

(a) whether the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme has been implemented in Karnataka;

(b) if so, which are the districts selected for the implementation of the above scheme in Karnataka;

(c) the steps so far taken to implement this scheme in these districts;

(d) the number of persons benefited so far in Karnataka;

(e) whether there is any representation from Karnataka to take up the implementation in other districts like Gulbarga, Gadag, Bijapur, Bangalore (Rural) and Chamarajanagar; and

(f) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto?

**Monitoring of National Rural
Employment Guarantee Scheme**

868. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are planning to monitor the implementation of National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme which has been implemented in 200 districts in the country; and

(b) if so, whether the Rural Development Ministry or the Planning Commission is the monitoring agency?

**Payment of wages to workforce under
NREGS**

869. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether demands have been made for payment of wages to workforce to be engaged under the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme through cheques instead of cash in order to avoid underpayment or exploitation;

(b) if so, whether any decision has been taken in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Fund allocation for various rural development schemes

870. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the allocation of central funds to State Governments on various rural development schemes during the last three years, scheme-wise, State-wise and year-wise;

(b) whether the schemes have benefited the targeted sections;

(c) if so, the scheme-wise details thereof;

(d) whether it is a fact that many States failed to utilize the funds earmarked for the specific schemes; and

(e) if so, the details of the fund utilised by each of the State, scheme-wise, State-wise and year-wise?

Extradition of Abu Salem

871. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Abu Salem and his companion were recently extradited from Portugal;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the cases pending against them;

(c) whether Government have assured the Government of Portugal that Abu Salem and Monica Bedi will not be awarded capital punishment;

(d) whether Government have taken any steps to extradite other terrorists connected with various bomb blasts in the country from other countries; and

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

Amount provided to Jharkhand under PMGSY

†872. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount provided to the State of Jharkhand under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana so far;

(b) the status of utilization of this amount;

(c) whether Government have issued any direction to State Government in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Villages covered under Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana

873. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of villages covered under the "Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana" till the year 2004, State-wise;

(b) the number of villages proposed for implementation of this scheme during the current financial year, State-wise;

(c) the total beneficiaries of BPL families through this scheme since the inception of this scheme, State-wise; and

(d) the total financial allocation for this scheme, State-wise?

Fund allocation to Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY)

874. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the money allocated to SGRY during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) the money allocated to SGRY during 2005-06;

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(c) whether it is a fact that money allocated for SGRY is grossly under spent this year; and

(d) what are the reasons for under utilisation of funds for SGRY?

**Effective implementation of
NREGA, 2005**

875. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have adopted all measures necessary for an effective implementation of the provisions of the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005;

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

(c) by when the initial working of the Act is likely to commence?

Implementation of land reforms

†876. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have undertaken a study at the national level for the implementation of land reforms in the States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the land reforms are being implemented on a much lower scale than the expected one; and

(d) if so, what are the details as to the latest position in this regard?

Saline land in the country

†877. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether some land of the country being saline is unfit for agriculture;

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

(c) whether Government have chalked out any time-bound programme for making such land arable; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Rural Employment Guarantee Act,
2005**

878. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether with the adoption of the Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005, India has assumed the lead in recognizing the right to employment as a legal right of the people;

(b) if so, the steps taken so far by Central and different State Governments to give effect to this Act, indicating the number of mandays generated thereby so far; and

(c) whether the International Labour Organisation at one of its meetings held in New Delhi in August-September this year had taken note of the enactment of this Act to work, and called upon other developing countries to emulate India in this regard?

Population benefited by PMGSY

879. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of habitations connected through "Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana" since its inception;

(b) the total population benefited through this scheme;

(c) the total financial allocation by

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Government during the last 3 years till date, State-wise;

(d) whether any time frame has been fixed to connect all the habitations which are not covered till recently;

(e) whether Government have any proposal to extend this scheme to those habitations which are having below 500 population;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

PMGSY in Orissa

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

(a) the amount of funds released to Orissa State during the year 2004-2005 under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana;

(b) the number of schemes completed out of this fund and the status of the incompleting schemes;

(c) whether the amount released has not been spent properly because Central Government do not have any rational monitoring scheme; and

(d) if so, what steps are being taken by Central Government to put in place a rational system of monitoring and scrutinising?

BPL Census

881. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the criteria on the basis of which BPL census is conducted;

(b) whether Government consider the criteria to be foolproof; and

(c) if not, what steps have been taken to revise the existing criteria of identifying the BPL population?

Assessment on the rural textile industry after quota system

882. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) it has been more than six months, since the phasing out of quota system, has Government conducted impact assessment on the rural textile industry of the quota phase out and supportive Government's policy initiatives that were initiated to support and promote the rural textile industry;

(b) if so, how the report of the assessment can be accessed;

(c) what steps have been taken to ensure the livelihood of the rural artisans, especially women workers in India;

(d) whether there is any provision made for skill development to secure alternative job; and

(e) if so, what are the specific job alternatives?

Installation of China's machines in textile sector

883. SHRIMATI N. P. DURGA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal before the mills of NTC to instal China's

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machines to make the sick mills turn around;

(b) whether it is also a fact that as a part of restructure and to reduce the administrative costs, nine subsidiaries of the NTC have been merged and only one CMD has been appointed to look after these nine mills; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Shilp Guru Scheme for weavers

884. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have launched a 'Shilp Guru Scheme' to bring together weavers of the country under one banner;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme; and

(c) the steps taken and being taken in pursuance thereof to help revive the weavers looms and to help the weavers stand competition from the big textile mills?

Development/promotion of textiles industry in Uttaranchal

885. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state the details of steps being taken by Government for rapid development and promotion of textiles industry in backward and hilly State of Uttaranchal where the poverty is on its peak?

Share of Indian Textile Industry in international market

886. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any new initiatives for expanding share of Indian Textile Industry in international markets;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what are the main reasons and obstacles for enhancing textile exports in the country; and

(d) how Government are going to tackle these problems for the benefit of textile industry?

Removal of textile items from the ambit of ECA

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to remove all textile items from the ambit of Essential Commodities Act except for hank yarn;

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

(c) whether it is proposed to enforce stringent labelling norms for garment manufacturers?

New handloom policy

888. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH:
SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to announce new handloom policy to ameliorate the sufferings of the weaving community;

(b) if so, whether it will be announced during the ensuing Winter Session of the Parliament; and

(c) what are main features of the new handloom policy?

Jute Technology Mission

Mission with an investment of Rs. 350 crore;

889. SHRIMATI S. G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to set up a Jute Technology

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government are considering to give importance to diversification of Jute for producing other products?

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