

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 31, 2002/Sravana 9, 1924 (Saka)

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

Total number of questions—112

Fraud cases in Neyveli Lignite Corporation Limited

1494. DR. AKHILESH DAS:
SHRI AIMADUDDIN
AHMED KHAN
(DURRU):

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

(a) whether officers of Neyveli Lignite Corporation Limited have been found involved in fraud cases;

(b) if so, the nature of the fraud cases detected; and

(c) the details of fraud cases registered during 1999-2000, 2000-2001, 2001-2002 and the current year and action taken thereon?

Limestone deposits in Gujarat

1495. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the surveys and exploration have established the availability of deposits of various categories of lime stones in Gujarat;

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

(c) the protection and incentives proposed to be provided by Government

for exploration and utilization of these deposits;

(d) whether Government of Gujarat has proposed any scheme in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the action being taken by the Government in this regard?

Meeting of Indo-China Working Group

1496. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the meeting of the Indo-China Working Group on Coal has been held recently in China;

(b) if so, the details of the agenda discussed during the meeting; and

(c) the decisions taken at the meeting?

Accident at Jayant Project of NCL

† 1497. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the P&H shovel machine worth Rs. 8 crore and the dumper No. 1525 worth Rs. 4 crore perished completely as a result of accidents

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

occured because of negligence of officials in August 2001 in the Jayant project of the Northern Coal Field Ltd.;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the working hour of the each of the said machines;

(c) the outcome of the committee which went into the said accident;

(d) the root cause of the accident;

(e) the action taken against the Chief General Manager, The General Manager and the Dy. Chief General Manager; and

(f) whether Government propose to have the C.B.I. episode?

State Ministers' meeting to discuss report of Mineral Advisory Council

1498. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a meeting of the State Ministers of Mining and Geology was held in the first week of May, 2002 to discuss the Report of the Mineral Advisory Council;

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

(c) what is the outcome of the meeting?

Coal mines in Andhra Pradesh

1499. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Coal mines in operation in the State of Andhra Pradesh at present, location-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that some Coal mines were closed in the recent past;

(c) if so, the details thereof for the last five years, year-wise and reasons for closure of each mine; and

(d) whether there is any possibility of reopening these coal mines in the State?

Coal scam in BCCL

† 1500. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item published on page number 7 of "The Rashtriya Sahara" of 22nd May, 2002 under the caption 'Jharkhand Mein Huye Arabon Ke Ghotale Ke Khilaf Andolan';

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that a scam of about Rs. 9500 crores has taken place in the supply of unsuitable coal and the procurement of items in BCCL, Dhanbad;

(c) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(d) whether Government propose to punish the guilty persons;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Action plan to use available mineral reserve

1501. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any action plan to make best use of available mineral reserves in Andhra Pradesh and rest of the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Army officers accused in Tehalka episode

†1502. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several Army Officers accused in Tehalka Tapes were found guilty in the inquiry conducted by Army Court;

(b) if so, names of these officers alongwith the charges proved against them;

(c) whether any punishment has been given to these officers by the Army Court; and

(d) if so, name of the punished officers alongwith the details of punishment given to them?

Violation of Indian airspace by Pakistan's unmanned aircraft

1503. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 3 Pakistani unmanned aircrafts flew over Indian Territory when our airspace was closed for them recently;

(b) if so, whether there were reports of more than 3 aircrafts;

(c) whether these aircrafts are used for spying on ground army locations; and

(d) if so, how many such Pakistani aircrafts were destroyed by the Indian army?

Jaguar crashes

†1504. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI:
Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the incidents of Jaguar crashes have increased in the recent past;

(b) if so, whether Government have inquired into the reasons of these air crashes;

(c) if so, the outcomes thereof; and

(d) the concrete steps proposed to be taken by Government to modernise the Jaguar?

Violation of norms in Army Contracts

1505. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi High Court has recently pulled up Government for violation of norms in Army Contract;

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

(c) the action proposed to be taken to comply with the directives of the High Court in this regard?

Water crisis in Rajasthan due to deployment of troops

1506. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a severe drinking water crisis has arisen as a result of recent deployment of army troops along the Indo-Pak borders in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to meet the situation?

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Flight of young scientists from DRDO

† 1507. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a tendency has been developed among the young scientists of DRDO of moving towards profitable areas such as Information Technology and moving towards western countries due to availability of better facilities there by leaving their services in DRDO;

(b) if so, the year-wise details of scientists opting for voluntary retirement from DRDO during the last three years; and

(c) whether Government have considered the matter for providing additional facilities to our scientists like the facilities being provided to the scientists of other developed countries in order to prevent their exodus in those countries?

Restructuring NCC

1508. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently reviewed the performance of National Cadet Corps (NCC) programme in the country, particularly in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last two years, State-wise;

(c) whether the NCC programme is being restructured; and

(d) if so, the details of the action plan drawn for the current year?

Officers' cadre in the Army

1509. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Committee is

examining the issue of restructuring the officers' cadre in the Army; and

(b) if so, by when the report of the Committee is expected?

Posting of civilian and service personnel in offices of service HQrs/ISOs

1510. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under the existing instructions, the civilian and service personnel are to be posted in various offices of service Head Quarters/ Inter Services Organisations in the fixed ratio of 80:20;

(b) if so, what is the number of posts of clerks sanctioned during the last five years separately for service and civilian persons in these offices;

(c) whether the above authorisation is strictly as per above instructions; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps proposed for bringing the same within the prescribed limit?

Alternative site for prayer in Hyderabad

1511. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Andhra Pradesh Government has requested to given an alternative site in Hyderabad for Muslims to offer prayer in lieu of existing Idgah located at Army Ordinance Corps; and

(b) if so, the action taken on the request?

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**Decodification of Kautilya's
Arthshastra**

1512. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN 'DURRU': Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has approved a proposal to decode Kautilya's Arthshastra and assigned the work to the Defence Research and Development Organisation; and

(b) if so, the details and cost of the decodification project and its main objectives?

**Deployment of troops at LoC and
International Border**

1513. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the deployment of troops along the LoC and International Border, defensive or keeping a check on infiltration also a part of the move; and

(b) how long the Government propose to keep the troops deployed on the border?

Indigenous production of Mines

1514. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the operational preparedness of the Navy has been affected due to the failure of DRDO to achieve indigenous production of mines for it; and

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

Compensation to land mine victims

1515. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated loss of human lives and livestock in border areas of Rajasthan, Gujarat, Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir where land mines have been laid by the armed forces;

(b) whether the loss have been adequately compensated, if so, the amount paid so far and how much is yet to be paid; and

(c) what mechanism has been evolved to ensure that each and every effected person received due compensation?

**Damage to standing crops in the
border areas due to deployment of
army**

1516. SHRI HARENDRA SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the standing crops of border areas has been destroyed in various States due to deployment of army;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have provided any compensation and financial assistance to the affected farmers;

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

(e) whether the above compensation/ financial assistance are sufficient;

(f) if not, whether Government are considering to provide more compensation and financial assistance to the farmers;

(g) if so, the details thereof; and

(h) if not, the reasons therefor?

Vacancies in the Army

1517. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of vacancies in officer cadre in the Army alongwith time since when the vacancies are lying unfilled;
- (b) the reasons for the vacancies lying unfilled; and
- (c) the fresh steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to fill up all the vacancies in officer cadre in Army?

Flying clearance to grounded MIG-21's

1518. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Defence has cleared the grounded Squadrons of MIG-21 for operational flying; and
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor?

Recognition to a shepherd for information on Pak's plan to attack Kargil

1519. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a shepherd had given first hand information to the army about the movement of Pakistani security forces to attack Kargil;
- (b) if so, whether Government had appreciated his national spirit and awarded him for enabling Indian forces to repulse the Pakistani attack; and
- (c) if not, whether Government propose to do so now to enthuse patriotism among people living in Kashmir?

Publishing of speculative media reports on sensitive subjects

1520. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsreport under the caption "Army proposes mid-June Shine: Reports", appeared in The Hindustan Times, dated the 7th June, 2002;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto; and
- (c) the steps, if any, proposed to be taken to prevent the publication of such highly speculative media reports on an extremely sensitive subject in the interest of amity and peace?

Indo-US Cross-Servicing Agreement

1521. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to sign a cross-servicing agreement with the United States in near future;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the United States has already signed this type of treaty with Pakistan; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Curbing terror by Pakistan

1522. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Army has indicated that there is no sign of Pakistan curbing terror;

(b) if so, whether according to Army sources, Pakistan Army adds fresh batches of Taliban terrorists crossing the border;

(c) if so, whether border firing continues on the LoC on a large scale; and

(d) if so, whether there was no improvement in the situation even after the meeting at Kazakhstan where 16 nations Summit on Security in Asia was held?

Refugees from Sri Lanka

† 1523. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of refugees of Sri Lanka has been increasing constantly;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to take any step to check this problem; and

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

ISI network in the country

1524. DR. AKHILESH DAS:
SHRI RAJU PARMAR:
SHRI BHAGATRAM
MANHAR:
SHRIMATI N. P. DURGA:
SHRI SATISH PRADHAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified more than 60 centres in different States where Pakistan's ISI has established a formidable network and is pumping huge amount of money for militants;

(b) if so, the details of these centres identified so far;

(c) whether the ISI centres located in

India are also being financed by countries other than Pakistan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

ISI plan to trigger blast in Kolkata

1525. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an ISI backed terrorist group recently issued a threat to the effect that it was planning to trigger a powerful blast in Kolkata;

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

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to meet the situation arising out of the threat?

Corruption prone departments

1526. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRI MOOLCHAND
MEENA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Vigilance Commission has declared hundreds of departments and wings of over 52 Public Sector Undertakings, six banks and nine Government Organisations as corruption-prone;

(b) if so, whether expressing concern over the mounting clout of blacklisted contractors and suppliers in the PSUs, the CVC in recent report, pointed out that a large number of top officials were allegedly involved in the racket;

(c) whether this report has been examined by the Union Government; and

(d) if so, what action Government propose to take in this regard?

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Suspended employees in NDMC

†1527. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN
SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several
officers and employees of NDMC have
been suspended during the last three years
on account of corruption charges;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that many of
them have been reinstated;

(d) if so, the number of officers/
employees, so reinstated;

(e) whether they have been acquitted
by the Court; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

**Rehabilitation of earthquake victims
of Gujarat**

1528. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be
pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that relief work
for rehabilitation of earthquake victims of
Gujarat has not been completed so far;

(b) if so, the details of work completed
and which remains to be completed with
the number of families and establishments
rehabilitated and yet to be rehabilitated;

(c) the amount of money spent on
reconstruction work up to June 2002; and

(d) whether sufficient funds are
available for remaining work and by when
the entire work is likely to be completed?

**CBI raid on the premises of a former
acting Chief Justice**

1529. SHRI C. RAMACHAND-
RAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME
AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CBI raided the premises
of a former acting Chief Justice of Punjab
and Haryana High Court who was alleged
to have amassed property worth over
Rupees one crore;

(b) if so, whether the CBI registered a
case against him for alleged allotment of
petrol pumps on forged documents when
he was Chairman of Punjab Oil Selection
Board; and

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

Begging in Delhi

1530. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH:
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be
pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that begging is
fast becoming a business in the capital
city;

(b) whether at seven traffic intersections
in the city as per recent survey by
Butterflies, an NGO, most the beggars are
migrants from Rajasthan, West Bengal and
Madhya Pradesh;

(c) whether an attempt made two years
ago to drive out beggars from Delhi failed;
and

(d) if so, what steps Government are
taking to eradicate begging on the streets
of the capital city?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Security arrangements during
Amarnath Yatra**

†1531. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made elaborate arrangements for the security of pilgrims during the Amarnath Yatra this year in view of the tension between India and Pakistan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**New strategy to evict Bangladeshi
Nationals**

†1532. SHRI HARENDRA SINGH
MALIK: Will the Minister of HOME
AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has recently formulated a new strategy to evict Bangladeshi Nationals living illegally in the capital;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when it is likely to be implemented;

(c) whether Government have received reports about the involvement of Bangladeshi Nationals in criminal incidents in the capital and other parts of the country and creating disturbance on the directions of ISI;

(d) if so, the number of such incidents which have come to the notice so far; and

(e) the action taken in this regard?

**Bills from Andhra Pradesh pending
for President's assent**

1533. DR. DASARI NARAYANA
RAO: Will the Minister of HOME
AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some Bills passed by the

Legislative Assembly of Andhra Pradesh are pending President's assent; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Appointment on compassionate
ground**

1534. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that some dependents of Delhi Police personnel (Head Constables) are waiting since 1996 for appointment on compassionate ground;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for delay in their appointment; and

(c) whether Government have finalised a list for appointment of those persons and by when they would get appointment?

**Compassionate ground appointment
in Navyug School, Sarojini Nagar,
New Delhi**

1535. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a number of persons have died in harness in 2001 who were working as a cook in Navyug School, Sarojini Nagar;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are considering all these cases sympathetically for providing job to the dependent of deceased person on compassionate ground;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the step being taken by Government to finalise these cases and by when the appointment would be given?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Crime in metro cities

1536. SHRI SK Khabir Uddin Ahmed: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of crime reported in June, 2002 in metropolitan cities and the comparative figures of crime in the same month in the last three years;

(b) whether the rate of crimes has come down due to world cup football held in June, this year; and

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

LeT threat to industrial sector

1537. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item titled "Lashkar gunning for Industrial Units: Report" which appeared in the Hindustan Times dated the 20th June, 2002 regarding attacks on industrial sectors in various cities by Lashkar-e-Teyyaba (LeT); and

(b) if so, what actions Government have taken in this regard?

Non utilisation of riots aid

1538. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report in The Asian Age of 24th June, 2002, captioned "Government apathy causes riot aid to rot";

(b) if so, whether Government have instituted a probe into the circumstances how a \$ 6,50,000 shipment for Gujarat riot victims sent by NRIs of Canada was

allowed to rot at Kandla port from 25th May, 2002 for over a month;

(c) if so, the outcome of the probe indicating the nature and extent of damage caused to the shipment and the circumstances under which it was allowed to rot; and

(d) the steps taken by Government in the light thereof?

Migration of Gujarat riot victims to different places

1539. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that more than 500 families of Gujarat belonging to minority community torn by the riots that followed the Godhra carnage have moved to different places in Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh for settlement;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a number of other minority families have decided to leave as they believe that tension and distrust are still simmering which may explode again at any time; and

(c) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

Closures of relief camps in Gujarat

1540. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether many relief camps for riot victims were closed in Gujarat recently;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of relief camps viz. number of camps and the number of men, women and kids in the camps immediately after the riots as on today district-wise; month-wise, category-wise; and

(d) the fund allotted and spent for the above camps?

**Disproportionate employees allotted to
Uttaranchal**

†1541. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that population of Uttaranchal is only five per cent compared to Uttar Pradesh and Uttaranchal's; share in all the assets and liabilities including Government employees segregated at the time of creation of the State was also 5 per cent.

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that Uttar Pradesh has burdened Uttaranchal with 11 per cent of the employees; and

(c) the measures taken by Government to save Uttaranchal from such financial burden from Government of Uttar Pradesh?

**Bifurcation of assets between U.P. and
Uttaranchal**

†1542. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Uttaranchal is facing financial loss due to bifurcation of assets and interference in its jurisdiction by Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) whether Government have taken any action in this regard?

**Border management in Indo-Pak
Border in Rajasthan sector**

1543. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Government have taken on Indo-Pak border in Rajasthan Sector for policing, curbing infiltration of mercenaries/militants, drug traffickers from across the border;

(b) the result achieved so far; and

(c) whether the entire Indo-Pak border in Rajasthan has been sealed, with fencing?

**Establishment of Assam Rifles
Battalion Head quarters at
Maha Koireng, Manipur**

1544. SHRI RISHANG KEISHING: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress for establishment of Assam Rifles' Battalion Head quarter at Maha Koireng, Manipur;

(b) the targeted date/time for final shifting of Assam Rifles from Kaugla, fort, Imphal; and

(c) the proposed plan for utilising the Kaugla Fort?

Invoking POTA by States

1545. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the States that have adopted POTA;

(b) whether it is a fact that some of the States have decided not to invoke POTA;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the reasons behind such a decision?

Use of POTA by States

1546. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some State Governments have started using 'POTA' provisions recently;

(b) if so, the details of 'POTA' used by State Governments as such;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(c) whether Government have issued any guidelines for the use of 'POTA' by State Governments; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, whether Government propose to frame/issue any guidelines in this regard?

Terrorist activities in Tripura

1547. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chief Minister of Tripura had categorically pointed out in March, 2002 that the extremists of the North-Eastern States including Tripura have been using their camps in Bangladesh to launch attacks in these States and flee away;

(b) what steps Government have taken till now to hold talks with Bangladesh and to compel that country to demolish these hide-outs; and

(c) what steps Government are contemplating to take to stop cross border terrorism along Tripura-Bangladesh border and also inside the State of Tripura?

Reemployment of Additional Commissioner of MCD

†1548. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Additional Commissioner, Municipal Corporation of Delhi retired on 30th June, 2002;

(b) whether Government propose to accord sanction to his reemployment when a criminal case is pending against him in the court; and

(c) if so, the basis thereof?

Killing of Abdul Ghani Lone

†1549. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the killing of Abdul Ghani Lone, the most liberal leader of All Party Hurriyat Conference, is the failure of the intelligence agencies;

(b) whether Government propose to conduct a high level inquiry into the circumstances in which he was killed; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Terrorism in North-East

1550. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of International efforts made to curb terrorism in the North-East indicating co-operation received from neighbours; and

(b) the outcome of dialogue with various extremist outfits of NER?

Gujarat riots

1551. SHRI LALU PRASAD: SHRI ABANI ROY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether NHRC's final report on Gujarat violence and National Minority Commission has indicted the State Government for its failure to protect the people of Gujarat as reported in The Times of India dated 1st June, 2002;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any action against the State Government on the basis of NHRC's final report;

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- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government to ensure that such violence does not recur in any part of the country in future?

Under utilisation of Funds

1552. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the funds allocated for modernising of police force remained under utilised in many States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the measures taken to persuade the States to take the matter more seriously in view of threat perception from terrorists?

Refugee status to PoK migrants

1553. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the people from PoK who migrated to the Indian side during the militancy have not yet got refugee status;
- (b) if so, what incentives have been offered to them till date;
- (c) whether there are any plans to give them equal privileges as were given to Kashmiri Pandits;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Rehabilitation of people living in border villages

†1554. DR. A. K. PATEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government propose to

rehabilitate the people living in the villages along the borders of the country to other safer places;

- (b) if so, by when; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ISI plan to attack Jammu and Kashmir press

†1555. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that ISI of Pakistan has formulated a plan to attack the Jammu and Kashmir press (Linguistic Press);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that all these plans have been prepared to affect the elections by intimidating the Media and the people keeping in view the forthcoming elections of assembly; and
- (d) if so, what arrangements have been made by Government so far to deal with such situations?

Compensation to families who migrated to J & K from PoK in 1947

1556. MIRZA ABDUL RASHID: SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Standing Committee on Home Affairs recommended in 1998 a compensation of Rs. 25000/- per family who became refugees in 1947 from PoK after assurances of the Government; and
- (b) if reply is affirmative, the amount released and paid so far, with details?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Survey regarding potentiality of wind energy in Gujarat

1557. DR. A. K. PATEL: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted on the potentiality of wind energy in Saurashtra Kutch region and other coastal areas of Gujarat;

(b) if so, when this Survey was conducted and the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government thereon?

Solar Villages Electrification Scheme in Kerala

1558. SHRI N. K. PREMA-CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) how many villages in Kerala are benefited by the Solar Electricity under non-conventional energy sources;

(b) the funds allotted to Kerala for undertaking Solar Village Electrification Scheme during this year;

(c) whether Government propose to develop the Solar Electricity facilities and other non-conventional energy sources in Kerala;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) how many non-conventional energy projects existing in Kerala which have the capacity to produce 100 K.V. or more electric current;

(f) whether any proposal to start any such projects in Kerala in the coming years; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

Funds of EDC for different schemes/ programmes/seminars in Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh

1559. SHRI KAILASH JOSHI: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated, released and spent by Energy Development Corporations for different schemes/ programmes/seminars in Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh during the years 2000-2001 and 2001-2002; and

(b) whether cases of diversion of funds have been detected and if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

One time settlement of SEBs outstanding dues

1560. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of Government package for one time settlement of the outstanding dues of the State Electricity Boards (SEBs) to the Central Power Undertakings (CPUs);

(b) whether the State Governments particularly Karnataka, are against the proposal contained in the Tripartite Agreement that the dues of SEBs to the CPUs should be debited from the accounts of the State Governments maintained in the RBI meaning thereby that their Accounts in the RBI would be ESCROW to NTPC for all future payments; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard and the Centre's reaction to the proposal?

Expenditure on T & D of power

†1561. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN
SINGH "LALAN":

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made an assessment of expenditure incurred on transmission and distribution of power;

(b) if so, the amount being spent per unit by electricity boards in each State on transmission and distribution of electricity;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the said amount of expenditure is much more than the amount of expenditure incurred at international level; and

(d) if so, the average expenditure at international level?

Expert opinion to improve power sector

†1562. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had sought opinion of the experts to bring improvement in the power sector;

(b) if so, the suggestions given by them; and

(c) by when, Government propose to take a final decision on these suggestions?

APDP in Karnataka

1563. SHRI K. B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Accelerated Power Development Programme has been implemented in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the places where this programme is under implementation in Karnataka;

(c) the places where this programme is proposed to be taken up in Karnataka during 2002-2003;

(d) the amount released for the above programme during 2001-2002; and

(e) the amount proposed to be spent during 2002-2003?

Efficient models for T & D of electricity

1564. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is studying the Berlin and Paris models for distribution of electric energy to reduce aggregate transmission and commercial loss of electricity; and

(b) if not, whether Government is evaluating other and more efficient models for transmission and distribution of electric power so as to ensure uninterrupted supply of electricity to consumers without faulty billing?

Under construction power projects in U.P.

1565. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of power projects under construction in the State of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the total amount spent so far on construction work of those projects;

(c) the total funds still required to complete the on going projects; and

(d) the time-schedule fixed by Government to complete such projects?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Techno-economic clearance for the expansion project of M/s Jindal Tractebel Power Company Ltd.

1566. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Karnataka has sought Centre's techno-economic clearance for the expansion project of M/s Jindal Tractebel Power Company Ltd; and

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

Diversion of 2.52 ha. of land for 66 KV transmission line from Kushalnagar Madikeri in Kodagu, Karnataka

1567. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Karnataka has requested for diversion of 2.52 ha. of land for 66 KV single circuit transmission line from Kushalnagar to Madikeri in District Kodagu, Karnataka; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Centre's reaction thereto?

MoU's between Central Government and SEBs

1568. SHRI V. V. RAGHAVAN:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the State Electricity Boards with whom the Central Power Ministry had signed Memorandum of Understanding;

(b) whether the main clauses of the MoU's are of uniform character; and

(c) if not, what are the differences?

Coal based power plants in Madhya Pradesh

† 1569. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to install the Coal based power plants of 1000 MW capacity in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the total expenditure likely to be incurred and the name of the places where these plants are proposed to be installed;

(c) whether the blue print to start the above projects has since been finalised; and

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

Clearance to pending Hydro-electric projects of Kerala

1570. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether State of Kerala has submitted any proposal for setting up hydel projects in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of hydel projects cleared by the Centre during the last five years; and

(d) the details of the Central assistance provided and the steps taken to help the State in production and distribution of power?

Hirma power project

1571. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of Hirma Power Project;

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) whether Hirma is likely not to have buyers for its power; and

(c) if so, details of arrangements being made to ensure financial viability of the project?

Requirement of power in U.P. and Delhi

†1572. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the requirement of power in Uttar Pradesh and Delhi during the year 2002-2003;

(b) the quantum of power being produced by the existing power plants in the said states;

(c) whether the requirement of power will be met in these states through the existing power plants; and

(d) if not, the arrangement made by Government in this regard?

Power stations under construction in Delhi and U.P.

†1573. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of power stations under construction in Uttar Pradesh and Delhi for the last three years; and

(b) by when each of the stations is likely to be completed togetherwith the total amount likely to be incurred on the said power plants?

New rules for State Electricity Regulatory Commissions

1574. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(a) whether Government are in the process of making new rules for State Electricity Regulatory Commissions;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the new rules are likely to be promulgated?

Alternative sources of energy by domestic sector

1575. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for a joint effort with the Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources for harnessing and utilising alternative sources of energy by domestic sector and sparing huge amount of energy for other purposes; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Status of agreement signed between U.P. Government Duncans North Hydro Power Company

†1576. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1892 given in the Rajya Sabha on 8th August, 2001 and state:

(a) the position of agreement with regard to Shrinagar Power Project reached with Duncans North Hydro Power Company; and

(b) the provision of penalizing the said company for not completing the work after expiry of time limit as per the agreement, if so, whether any action has been taken against the said company and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Counter guarantee for Mangalore
Power Project**

1577. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Karnataka has requested the Central Government to provide Counter-guarantee in respect of the Mangalore Power Project without the ESCROW clause;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of other such power projects being implemented in the country on the basis of the Counter-guarantee provided by the Central Government with and without ESCROW Clause;

(d) whether Government of Karnataka has proposed alternative security mechanism to remove the stalemate created by the Centre's insistence on ESCROW; and

(e) if so, what are the details and the reaction of Government?

**Pulling out of foreign companies from
power sector**

1578. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI N.R. DASARI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the foreign companies who had planned massive investment in Indian Power Projects have pulled out;

(b) if so, which are these companies and the details of the projects they had plans to make investments; and

(c) the reasons for their withdrawal?

Power generation in J&K

1579. MIRZA ABDUL RASHID: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that power generation potentiality upto 20,000 MW is available in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in the last fifty years only one thousand MW. power has been generated in Jammu and Kashmir;

(c) whether it is also a fact that State Government purchases power of eleven hundred crores annually for the State from its limited and meagre resources; and

(d) whether Government propose to clear maximum Hydro-Projects and approve it extending special amount to the State?

**Obstructions in the Power Sector
Reforms**

1580. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether regulation of the power sector is being hampered and stalled by the Central and State Governments power utilities challenging the various orders of the Regulator, an expert body set up to harmonize conflicting and competing equities;

(b) if so, what steps Government are contemplating to minimise the emerging conflicting situation hastening the power sector reforms; and

(c) whether any amendments thereby are being considered in the CERC Act with a view to removing the legal lacunae preventing timely & effective regulation of the power sector and fixation of power tariff?

Rural Electrification Development Fund

1581. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA:
SHRI SUDARSHAN
AKARAPU :

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a separate Rural Electrification Development Fund;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) how the fund has been utilized during this year so far and the plan for further utilization?

Jobs in NHPC

1582. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether N.H.P.C. has inserted an advertisement in 'Employment News' dated 22-28 June, 2002 wherein a DD/Pay Order for Rs. 250/- was required to be submitted alongwith the application for General category candidates;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that applications were to be sent through Registered Post/Courier; and
- (c) if so, under which rule has the Corporation prescribed the said conditions?

Schemes to promote water conservation

†1583. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government propose to start any scheme to promote water conservation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the names of the states where this scheme has been Started; and

(d) the amount provided for this purpose?

Funds to Panchayati Raj Institutions for water harvesting

1584. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any fund has been allotted to Panchayati Raj Institutions for preservation and rejuvenation of tanks, construction of barrages, check dams, nala bunds and small structures for harvesting water;
- (b) if so, the total fund allotted and utilized during the last three years, year wise and State-wise;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the details of the projects implemented/proposed to be implemented for harvesting water in the rural areas?

Decline in availability of drinking water

1585. SHRI KAILASH JOSHI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware of the fact that there has been a continuous decline in the availability of drinking water in the country;
- (b) if so, whether Government have identified the districts, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps that are being taken to implement a water conservation scheme at National level; and
- (d) the steps Government propose to take or have taken to bring a comprehensive improvement for water supply in Delhi?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Land Reforms Policy

1586. SHRI N.R. DASARI:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the policy of Government with regard to the Land Reforms and implementation of Land Ceiling Laws;

(b) the details of the surplus land identified, taken possession and distributed to the landless as on 31st December, 2000 and 2001, State-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that the progress of the distribution of surplus land is very slow; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Rural development schemes under implementation in H.P. and Jammu and Kashmir

1587. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes for rural development under implementation in rural areas of Himachal Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) whether the targets have been fixed under various schemes; and

(c) if so, the target fixed and the achievements made so far in these States during the last three years?

Slow implementation of rural development projects in Himachal Pradesh

1588. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether slow implementation of rural development projects in Himachal Pradesh is being experienced by the Central Government despite allocation of adequate funds;

(b) if so, what is the cause of slow progress of rural development projects in the State; and

(c) what are the suggestions made by the Union Government to the State Government to implement the rural development schemes vigorously?

Upper ceiling of income of BPL families

1589. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) when the present upper ceiling limit of annual income of a B.P.L. family was fixed;

(b) what was the consumer price index at that *vis-a-vis* at present; and

(c) whether Government propose to review the ceiling limit?

Funds allocated to UP under IAY

†1590. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated to various districts of Uttar Pradesh under Indira Awas Yojana during the period 1999-2000 and 2001-2002;

(b) what is the district-wise number of houses constructed, total amount spent and the amount remained unused under the above scheme;

(c) whether it is a fact that the funds allocated under Indira Awas Yojana are being misused in Azamgarh, Mau, Saharanpur and Muzaffarnagar districts of Uttar Pradesh;

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(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
 (e) what steps are being taken by Government to ensure proper use of entire funds?

Integrated Wasteland Development Programmes

1591. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN:
 SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT
 RAO:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed/monitored the Integrated Wasteland Development Programmes of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what remedial measures have been taken to meet the shortcomings in the implementation of the programme?

Distribution of waste and degraded forest land by States

1592. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the efforts made to encourage State Governments to distribute waste and degraded forest land among the landless poor; and

(b) the measures taken to identify excess lands in villages and towns for distribution among the poor?

Evaluation of DPAP

1593. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that drought prone area has increased from 55.3 million hectares in 1973 to 74.6 million hectares in 1995, although Rs. 2195 crore have been spent on DPAP as reported by the CAG in his report on Drought Prone

Areas;

(b) if so, whether Government have ever evaluated the efficacy of the programme; and

(c) if so, what remedial action Government propose to take in the matter?

Implementation of pilot sector reforms programme

1594. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the pilot sector reforms programme has not yielded expected results in the districts where it is being implemented;

(b) if so, the problems faced by the districts in taking up the programme;

(c) the districts selected for the pilot project and the progress made in physical terms;

(d) the steps being taken by Government to make the pilot project a success; and

(e) the status of the project in Andhra Pradesh?

Funds allocated to Bihar for Rural Development Schemes

†1595. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount released for rural development to Bihar under different heads during the last three years;

(b) whether Government propose to increase the amount to the State in order to complete the works related to rural development; and

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

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Progress of EAS

1596. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the progress of the Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) during last one year *vis-a-vis* the target fixed therefor?

Funds for construction of stop dam in M.P.

†1597. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the proposal for allocation of fund for construction of stop dam under Golden Jubilee village self employment special project by Madhya Pradesh Government is still pending with Central Government;

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

(c) by when the said project would be sanctioned by Government?

Assessment of ARWSP

1598. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the impact assessment of Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme by independent sources has revealed the reemergence of problem villages and shortcomings in critical parameters of adequacy, regularity, quality, distance of source of water etc. in many States;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that CAG has adversely commented in their brochure on Audit Reports; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the corrective measures taken in this regard?

Rural Development Technologies

1599. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an eminent nuclear scientist has called for "technology foresight" for selecting the critical technologies for development with a national perspective giving the first place for rural development related technologies a high priority;

(b) if so, the steps that are being considered for rural development technologies;

(c) whether any measures in this regard have been worked out; and

(d) if so, to what extent this technology is likely to help develop rural areas?

Utilisation of PMGSY funds by States

1600. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the amount utilised by each State for the last three years under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana;

(b) what is the mechanism to monitor the operation of the programme;

(c) the details of the instructions given to the implementing authority with regard to tendering and monitoring mechanism to carry out the mechanism in time;

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(d) whether Government have received complaints from the States regarding this scheme; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Contract farming for cotton

1601. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided the modalities for contract farming in cotton at the earliest to ensure adequate supply of quality cotton to the mills;

(b) if so, whether it has been suggested that the modalities for contract farming in cotton should be worked out to establish an organic linkage between the farmers and the textile mills in order to ensure adequate supply of good quality cotton to the mills;

(c) whether any norms for cotton farming has been decided upon; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Transfer policy for officers of Textile Mills

† 1602. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various Textile Mills located in Maharashtra, Gujarat and Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether it is a fact that most of the officers of the said mills have been working on the same posts and at the same place for the last ten to twenty years;

(c) if so, the policy of transferring

officers from one mill to the other; and
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(d) by when all the officers will be transferred from one mill to the other or from one post to the other in compliance with the transfer policy?

Problems in marketing of handloom goods in A.P.

1603. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that proposals from State Government of Andhra Pradesh under Market Development Assistance and Marketing Incentive Components of Deendayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana were rejected by Government in the recent past;

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

(c) what remedial measures Government have taken to ensure that marketing of handloom goods does not suffer in Andhra Pradesh?

Cotton purchase by CCI from farmers

1604. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) have not purchased cotton from farmers in certain States;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the States where CCI purchases cotton from farmers on Minimum Support Price?

Task force for textile industry

1605. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA:
Will the Minister of TEXTILES be
pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Task Force set
up by the Prime Minister to map a policy
and fiscal restructuring plan for the textile

industry is likely to recommend an overhaul
of Excise and Custom Duty on textile
machinery and changes in the Export
Promotion Capital Goods Scheme; and

(b) if so, the details of the
recommendation of this Committee and
the benefits that will accrue to the
industry?

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