

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; Information and
Broadcasting; Labour and Employment; Parliamentary Affairs; Rural
Development; Textiles)

Total number of questions — 155

Bilateral trade between India and Japan

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

(a) whether the bilateral trade between
Japan and India is increasing;

(b) if so, the details of import and export
between the two countries during the last
three years; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to
increase trade between the two countries?

Import of edible oil

†868. SHRI LALIT KISHORE
CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be
pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain
recommendations were made by the
Directorate of Edible Oil with regard to the
process of import of edible oil under the
Free Trade Agreement between India and
Sri Lanka;

(b) whether Government had issued a
Public Notice on 2nd June, 2006 regarding
the process of importing edible oil under
the said trade agreement in which only
NAFED was allowed to import; and

(c) whether all the rights of imports have
been handed over to the Director General,
Foreign Trade in place of NAFED on 21st
November, 2006; if so, the reasons for
acting contrary to the assurance given in
the Parliament?

Duty free access to American market

869. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA : Will
the Minister of COMMERCE AND
INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the U.S.
Trade Representative had identified India
as one of the six countries, not to extend
duty free access to American market from
2007 under the revamped Generalised
System of Preferences of US;

(b) if so, the details of items that are
going to lose the benefit of duty free; and

(c) how the Ministry is planning to
grapple with the problem?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Strengthening of economic and trade ties with Pakistan

870. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether during the recent visit of Pakistan Prime Minister to New Delhi, he insisted that economic, trade and other ties were closely tied to progress in negotiations on Kashmir;

(b) if so, what headway has since been made towards strengthening economic and trade ties with Pakistan; and

(c) the agreements, if any, entered into with Pakistan in this direction?

Review of AEZ policy

871. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have undertaken a review of the Agri Export Zones Policy in the light of the performance of such Zones so far;

(b) if so, the Export-Zones whose performance has been reviewed so far, and the details of their performance during the past three years, indicating the export potential of different agro and agricultural products; and

(c) the decisions taken in the light thereof?

Export of iron-ore

872. SHRI PYARIMOHAN MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the volume of exports of iron-ore from India, category-wise, such as 62 per

cent Fe+, 62 per cent Fe- and fines, year-wise, during the last three years;

(b) what are the justifications for continuing exports of iron-ore of different categories and the fines considering the massive investment projects in the steel sector; and

(c) whether the Government would consider stopping exports altogether, except iron-ore containing less than 55 per cent Fe-, considering the limited resources of iron-ore?

Industrially backward States

873. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of industrially backward States in the country;

(b) whether Government have formulated any scheme for development of industrially backward States;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Government have conducted any survey in this regard; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Review of FDI in retail trade

874. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the policy on Foreign Direct Investment in retail trade is under review; and

(b) what are the merits and demerits of FDI in retail trade?

FDI in retail trade

875. SHRI SURENDRA LATH:
SHRI JANARDHANA
POOJARY:
SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN:

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

(a) whether Government have any proposal to allow more than 50 per cent FDI in retail market;

(b) if so, the goods-wise details in that regard, alongwith the reasons for allowing such huge FDIs in retail market;

(c) whether it is going to harm the interests of small domestic retailers and marketeers, who were earning their livelihood through retail sale; and

(d) how Government would ensure that the interests of domestic retailers and domestic markets are not harmed and Indian markets are not dumped with foreign goods?

Streamlining payment of compensation to land owners in SEZs

876. SHRI JANARDHANA
POOJARY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether, in the matter of grant of compensation to the land-owners upon their lands being acquired for setting up SEZs or any project, the land owners and the displaced persons have always been at the losing end;

(b) if so, whether a law to streamline the process of payment of compensation to the land owners and displaced persons, and to protect their interests in the matter of their rehabilitation is on the anvil; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Rehabilitation and Resettlement Policy for displaced farmers

877. SHRI K.E. ISMAIL:
SHRI JANARDHANA
POOJARY:

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

(a) whether setting up of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) entails, acquiring a large area of agricultural land;

(b) if so, the details of the SEZs set up during the last three years, those proposed to be set up and the quantum of agricultural land at stake in each SEZ, State-wise;

(c) whether agriculturists, whose lands have been acquired for SEZs are not getting adequate value/compensation for their lands;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government are considering a new Rehabilitation and Resettlement Policy in respect of the displaced farmers; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

SEZ proposals cleared by Government

878. SHRI HARISH RAWAT:
SHRI SANTOSH
BAGRODIA:

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

(a) how many SEZ proposals have been cleared so far by Government;

(b) in how many of such cases the land has been acquired;

(c) in how many land acquisition cases the respective State Governments have been involved and to what extent, the State-wise details thereof;

(d) what were the reasons for the State Government's acquiring the land; and

(e) whether Government propose to issue guidelines to the State Governments for acquiring land for the SEZs?

as on date, the reasons for not sanctioning them so far and by when they are likely to get approval; and

(d) the area of land required for each project separately?

Review meeting on acquisition of land for SEZs

†879. SHRI MAHENDRA SAHNI:
Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have considered/are considering to convene a review meeting on the acquisition of land for SEZs;

(b) if so, the number of such meetings held during the last one year;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the State-wise and Zone-wise details regarding the States, whether SEZs have been approved and the number thereof?

SEZ proposals received

†880. SHRI DATTA MEGHE:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRI SATYAVRAT
CHATURVEDI:

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

(a) the State-wise number of proposals for Special Economic Zones (SEZs) received by Government, so far;

(b) the total number of the proposals, out of them, sanctioned so far, giving the State-wise details thereof;

(c) the details and the number of proposals under consideration, State-wise,

Notified SEZs

†881. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN:
Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of notified Special Economic Zones in the country;

(b) the number of new Special Economic Zones proposed to be set up, for which proposal is pending with Government;

(c) whether a situation of withdrawing their investment proposals by companies has arisen due to ban on new proposals;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, by when Government would give approval to such new proposals?

On hold put hold on SEZ proposals

882. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

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

(a) whether Government have put on hold the clearance of proposals from developers, for setting up of Special Economic Zones;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Special Economic Zone projects, where Government have already given approval, would be affected by this order; if so, the reasons therefor?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

NID at Bhubaneswar

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

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

(a) whether the Orissa Government has requested the Centre to explore possibility of setting up a Design Institute at Bhubaneswar, at par with the National Institute of Design;

(b) whether the State Government has assured the Centre of providing the necessary infrastructure in the matter; and

(c) if so, the status of the proposal and the time-frame within which it would be set up, to improve the economy of this backward region?

Agreements between MIDC and IDFC Ltd. for SEZs

884. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation (MIDC) signed four agreements with Infrastructure Development Finance Company Limited (IDFCL) for developing three Special Economic Zones;

(b) if so, whether out of these three SEZs, two are special SEZs, that will only produce power and supply the same to other SEZs in the State;

(c) whether the fourth venture will be developed under India's infrastructure initiative, which is being jointly promoted by IDFC Ltd. and Feed Back Ventures; and

(d) if so, the details of these projects and what amount is to be spent for

development of these projects?

Postponement of SEZ Board meeting

885. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:
SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the meeting of SEZ Board slated for 19th January, 2007, was postponed indefinitely, putting over 90 proposals on hold;

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

(c) whether, keeping in view the recent anti-SEZ protests in certain parts of the country, Government have announced the National Rehabilitation and Resettlement policy in respect of the people affected and the compensation required to be paid for land purchased;

(d) if so, the details of the proposed policy;

(e) by when final approval of Government is expected; and

(f) what would be the fate of already approved SEZs?

Recommendations of GoM on SEZs

886. PROF. ALKA BALRAM
KSHATRIYA:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA
BHARTIA:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:
SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:

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

(a) whether Empowered Group of Ministers (EGoM) under the chairmanship of External Affairs Minister, is considering

land acquisition issue in respect of SEZs; if so, its terms of reference;

(b) whether GoM has given its recommendations to Government;

(c) what are the recommendations made and by when Government are likely to implement the same;

(d) whether the Commerce Ministry has notified the SEZ Act and SEZ rules; and

(e) whether Centre and States would provide critical infrastructure for private sector, to set up manufacturing and service units in the SEZs?

Private promoters in SEZs

887. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) how many private promoters are in Special Economic Zones;

(b) their names and areas where they are developers;

(c) how much land and in which State each of them have acquired in each zone;

(d) the per acre rate paid by them; and

(e) at what price they will be selling land to entrepreneurs in these zones?

Review of India's trade policies by WTO

888. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's trade policies since 2002 await a review by the World Trade Organisation later this month;

(b) whether there are binding implications flowing from the impending

WTO review of India's trade policies and whether this will have any bearing on the India's proposed Free-Trade Agreements with ASEAN; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Retail sales by foreign institutes

†889. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR
JOSHI:

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

(a) whether Government have decided to approve the proposal to allow institutes having foreign capital to sell items manufactured by certain industries, in the country's retail market;

(b) if so, the details thereof and for the sale of which items of such institutes permission would be given for the present;

(c) whether Government have fixed any criteria for selection of such items, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the reasons for the Government pursuing the policy of connectively approving foreign capital in retail market?

Increase in exports

†890. DR. MURLI MANOHAR
JOSHI:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that exports have risen in the country from 2000-01 to 2005-06;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the increase in terms of percentage;

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(c) whether it is a fact that technical and knowledge based industries contributed particularly in increase in exports whereas the contribution of labourbased industries has declined; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for the decline of export in the labour-based industries?

Operational Special Economic Zones

891. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) how many SEZs are at present operational in the country, the State-wise details thereof;

(b) how many SEZs are in the pipeline; and

(c) the total amount of estimated revenue loss for SEZs referred to in parts (a) and (b) above?

Trade with ASEAN countries

†892. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the value of the trade India has with ASEAN countries during the last three years;

(b) whether there is a ban on export and import of some commodities; and

(c) the details of such important commodities?

Role of Metal Scrap Trade Corporation

893. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the role of the Metal Scrap Trade Corporation (MSTC);

(b) whether Government have considered any proposal to have the MSTC set up a modern and environmentally safe ship-breaking yard to import scrap iron;

(c) what other innovative plans has the MSTC come up with to meet the challenge of India's requirements of metal scrap for domestic use and re-exports; and

(d) the details of any such plans offered or finalized by MSTC?

Better compensation to land owners for acquiring land for SEZs

894. SHRI C. RAMACHAND-RAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that better compensation to the land owners whose land has been acquired for Special Economic Zones (SEZ), is not being paid across the country; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by Government?

Hike in subsidy for South Indian Tea Growers

895. SHRI K.E. ISMAIL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the South Indian Tea Growers have demanded hike in the present subsidy and higher amount for tea replantation and rejuvenation, on par with Darjeeling, under the proposed replantation exercise of the Centre; and

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

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MoU on intellectual property rights

896. SHRI P.R. RAJAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has signed any MoU with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on intellectual property;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) how Government are responding to the concerns that the treaty includes sensitive issues relating to I.P.R. policy?

Displacement of people due to SEZs

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that lots of agricultural population and village artisans will be displaced by acquisition of lands for Special Economic Zones;
- (b) if so, the State-wise details thereof;
- (c) whether all of them will get employment in SEZs; and
- (d) if not, the alternatives proposed to be made available to them?

SEZ in Bihar

898. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to establish Special Economic Zone in Bihar, as in other States;
- (b) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether it would be very helpful for the development of Bihar if Special Economic Zone is established in Bihar; and

(d) whether Government would consider it in future?

Problem in acquisitions of land for SEZs

899. SHRI K.E. ISMAIL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of proposals for setting up Special Economic Zones (SEZs) received so far and out of that which are the approved ones;
- (b) whether there have been problems in the acquisition of land for the purpose; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken to solve the problem?

Assistance under Market Access Initiative Scheme

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Market Access Initiative Scheme is a Plan Scheme to promote India's exports on a sustained basis and to extend assistance, *inter alia*, to recognized industrial clusters and individual exporters;
- (b) if so, the selection criteria for assistance to them;
- (c) the details of industrial clusters and individual exporters which availed assistance under the scheme since 1st January 2005; and
- (d) the success achieved in promoting exports of various items by them?

FDI in retail sector

901. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA:
SHRI K.E. ISMAIL:

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

- (a) whether Government have finalized its policy on FDI in retail sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) how many retail stores have been set up at present in the country with foreign participation and the details of these outlets?

Review of guidelines for acquisition of land for SEZs

902. SHRI KARNENDU
BHATTACHARJEE:
SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:

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

- (a) whether Government have made any review of the guidelines for acquisition of land for Special Economic Zones;
- (b) if so, details of the revised policy and the guidelines thereof; and
- (c) the details regarding the quantum of agriculture land acquired so far by Government, to convert for use in SEZ Scheme, State-wise?

SEZ in Rajasthan

†903. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the number and details of proposals sanctioned by Government for setting up of SEZs during 2005-06 and 2006-07, State-wise;

(b) the number of proposals sanctioned for Rajasthan for setting up of SEZs during last two years and the locations of such SEZs; the nature of said proposals; and

(c) whether any other proposal from Rajasthan is under Government's consideration; if so, the details thereof?

SEZ in Jharkhand

904. MS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have any plan to set up at least one SEZ in Jharkhand;
- (b) if so, by when it will be operational and what will be the size of this SEZ;
- (c) what will be the nature of activities in the SE Zone; and
- (d) whether there will be reservation in employment for the local tribals?

Acquisition of Scorpene Submarines

905. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government have signed a contract for acquisition and indigenous construction of 6-Scorpene Submarines;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the SSK Agosta 90B Class Submarine, acquired by Pakistan and Scorpene Submarines are designed and developed by DCN of France;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the features of both types of submarines are almost similar;
- (d) if so, what is the tactical advantage for India in acquiring Scorpene Submarines; and

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(e) what is the guarantee that the supplier would not pass on information about Scorpeno to Pakistan and *vice-versa*?

Accident of ALH Dhruv

†906. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Advanced Light Helicopter "Dhruv" met with an accident in Bangalore;

(b) if so, whether the reasons of the accident have been ascertained; and

(c) the measures being taken by Government to prevent recurrence of such accidents?

Technologies developed by DRDO

907. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of technologies that have been developed by DRDO so far;

(b) what is the number of technologies that have either been commercialized or been put to use for Defence purposes; and

(c) whether it is a fact that 30 per cent of Defence Budget allocated to DRDO goes down the drain because of non-utilisation of technologies developed by it; if so, the reasons therefor?

Induction of women officers in combat units

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

(a) whether Government are examining

the feasibility of inducting women officers in all walks of Army life, including combat units; and

(b) if so, the details worked out so far and the present status thereof?

Reducing the work stress among Army personnel

909. SHRI P.R. RAJAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) how many cases of suicides were reported among the soldiers of the country during the last three years;

(b) the measures Government propose to take to reduce the work stress of Army personnel; and

(c) whether Government would appoint more psychiatrists in the Army?

Field Firing Range in Gumla District, Jharkhand

910. MS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to have Field Firing Range, alongwith two cantonments, at Netarhat of Gumla District of Jharkhand;

(b) if so, whether Government are aware that almost 40 to 50 per cent of the population comprising 2.75 lakh tribals of the District, including some primitive tribes will be displaced;

(c) whether Government are aware that the tribals are likely to be up in arms and will not give up their land, inherited by them for centuries; and

(d) if so, whether Government would stall this project altogether, in order to safeguard the interests of the tribals living there?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Joint venture for export of Brahmos missiles

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

(a) whether an agreement has been signed with Defence Minister of Russia for joint venture and collaboration in manufacture, supply and export of Brahmos missiles;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the salient features and the cost of Brahmos missiles?

Fake encounters in Army

912. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that the number of cases of fake encounters in the Army is increasing day by day;

(b) if so, the exact number of cases registered during the last two years and what action has been taken on them; and

(c) what steps Government are taking to stop these kinds of acts?

Housing schemes for soldiers

†913. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme for construction of houses for soldiers is being implemented in the country;

(b) if so, the total amount estimated to be spent thereon;

(c) whether such houses are also likely to be built under any such scheme at Pithauragarh in Uttarakhand;

(d) if so, the number of houses to be

built under this scheme and the total amount to be spent thereon;

(e) whether there is any proposal to allot such houses to ex-servicemen also; and

(f) if so, the total number of houses likely to be allotted to ex-servicemen, out of the houses to be built at Pithauragarh?

Expansion of profile for women in armed forces

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

(a) whether Government propose to expand the profile for women in the armed forces;

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

(c) whether the Ministry has also called for a study on the possibility of giving women officers permanent commission; and

(d) if so, the present position thereof?

Modernisation of IAF

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the IAF is going to modernise its combat aircrafts with an investment of Rs. 20,000 crore;

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

(c) whether this plan includes acquisition of new fighter craft also;

(d) if so, what is the progress of negotiations for Mirage fighters from Qatar;

(e) the period fixed for above modernisation plan;

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(f) the details of aircraft in the inventory going to retire as a part of this modernisation;

(g) whether all the MiG variants are going to be decommissioned very soon; and

(h) if so, the details thereof?

Premature retirement by officers in Army and IAF

†916. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRI SATYAVRAT
CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise details of the number of officers in Army and Air Force who have taken premature retirement during the last three years;

(b) the number of officers who applied for premature retirement in the year 2006;

(c) the reasons for taking premature retirement by such a large number of officers;

(d) the extent to which shortage of officers and soldiers is being presently felt in the Army and the steps Government have taken to fill this gap; and

(e) the details of the policy of Government to allow premature retirement by the officers?

Equipping the army with new systems of guns

†917. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether with a view to increase its striking power, Government have formulated any plan for the army to provide new type

of helicopters and new systems of guns, to increase its mobility in the battlefield;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the latest position of this scheme; and

(d) by when this scheme is proposed to be finalised?

Bilateral defence cooperation between India and Russia

918. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether talks between India and Russia were held recently for strengthening bilateral defence cooperation;

(b) if so, the details thereof, along with the details of agreements signed between the two countries;

(c) whether Government have decided to access the Russian Global Navigation Satellite System (GLONASS); and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the salient features thereof?

Setting up of aerospace command

919. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the decision regarding setting up of aerospace command has been pending with Government for a long time;

(b) if so, what are the impediments coming in the way towards setting up of aerospace command; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that many panels had recommended Government on the importance of setting up of aerospace command, to counter any threat to the country's space based assets?

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Defence Academy at Barrackpore

920. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state whether Government propose to establish a Defence Academy at Barrackpore, West Bengal in view of the celebration of 150th year of First Indian War for Independence this year?

Theft of photo I-Cards of army personnel

921. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that photo identity cards of more than 50 army personnel, posted in a unit in Ludhiana, were stolen/misplaced just before the Republic Day this year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any enquiry has been initiated in this regard; and

(d) if so, the findings of the enquiry and the corrective measures taken?

Kidnapping and murders of children around NCR

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

(a) whether it is a fact that cases of kidnapping, raping and killing of children have increased during the last three years, in and around the National Capital Region;

(b) if so, year-wise and city-wise details thereof;

(c) the details of the number of children

rescued out of them, still missing and those about whom it has been confirmed that they have been killed;

(d) whether Government have formulated any scheme to get rid of these types of gangs active in Delhi and cities around the National Capital Region; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the results achieved so far of these efforts?

CBI enquiry into Nithari incident

923. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has ordered CBI enquiry into serial brutal killing of innocent children who were allegedly sexually assaulted and whose skeletal remains were found in more than 40 bags from Nithari village in Noida;

(b) whether any sale of human organs also involved in this matter;

(c) if so, what are findings of CBI in this regard;

(d) what action Government have taken so far against culprits involved in such acts of bestiality; and

(e) whether Government have collected all details from various States about the missing children during last 2-3 years, if so, the details thereof?

Constitution of States Human Rights Commissions

924. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the name of the States which have Human Rights Commissions;

(b) the name of the States in which the State Human Rights Commissions are yet to be constituted;

(c) the reasons for not constituting Human Rights Commissions in those States; and

(d) by when Human Rights Commissions in all the States would be constituted?

Regulation of private security agencies

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

(a) whether Government are aware that liberalization has led to splintering of the State security apparatus and the sudden springing up of private security industry and the Indian security guards, employed by MNCs like Group 4, Securitas, and the indigenous companies are already spread across major cities;

(b) if so, whether this Security industry is growing at the rate of 20-25% annually, and is estimated to be Rs. 750 billion strong, which needs to be regulated by the State; and

(c) whether Government would ensure that the Private Security Agencies Act, effective from March 2007, gives a level playing field, both for powerful players and small security agencies, so as to avoid any monopolistic trend?

Spurt in activities of ULFA

†926. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a sudden spurt in activities of ULFA during the last few days;

(b) whether Non-Assamese people have started fleeing from Assam, due to such activities; and

(c) if so, the measures taken by Government to check fleeing of people from the State and to control activities of ULFA?

Killings by ULFA

927. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there had been large number of deaths and killings by the outlawed United Liberation Front of Assam in the month of January 2007, where heavy toll of lives of migrant workers was taken;

(b) if so, what is the total number of migrants, State-wise, killed so far;

(c) to what extent situation has been brought under control; and

(d) whether stringent measures have been suggested to avoid such exigency in future in Assam?

Prevention of custodial deaths

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there were 359 deaths in the police custody in the past three years and according to the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) figures, as many as 144 out of the 359 custodial deaths were reported in 2005 alone;

(b) whether it is a fact that deaths were reported not only when victims had been

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remanded to police custody by court, but occurred in cases where police took suspects into detention; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take to prevent the custodial deaths?

Role of Nepal Maoists in naxal movement in India

†929. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Maoists of Nepal have links with the Naxalite movement in our country;

(b) whether the weapons surrendered by the Maoists are likely to come in the naxalite affected States of the country;

(c) whether the naxalists are getting weapons and funds from the Maoists; and

(d) if so, the steps Government are taking to disband this link and to put a check on the supply of weapons and funds?

Inclusion of languages in Eighth Schedule

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

(a) whether Government propose to include some more languages in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution;

(b) if so, the languages selected for inclusion in the said Schedule, alongwith the details thereof; and

(c) the criteria for inclusion of any language in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution, alongwith the details thereof?

Custodial deaths

931. SHRI THENNALA G. BALAKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of custodial deaths happened in the last year;

(b) the State-wise break up thereof;

(c) whether Government had made any study in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Fake encounters in J&K

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

(a) whether Centre has asked the J & K Government to submit a detailed report on the recent cold blooded murder of innocent civilians in fake encounters by the security forces; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

HIV infected inmates in Tihar jail

933. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that number of HIV infected inmates has gone up in Tihar Central jail; if so, the year-wise details thereon for the last five years;

(b) whether certain HIV infected inmates have deliberately spread the infection; and

(c) what steps are being taken to isolate

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such cases, in the interest of other inmates and jail staff?

Infiltration into India from Pakistan

†934. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR
JOSHI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that incidents of infiltration in India continued constantly during the year 2006, due to instigation by Pakistan;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard and whether Government have placed concrete evidence of such incidents before Pakistan; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Talks with terrorist organizations

†935. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of such terrorist organizations with whom Government have held conditional and unconditional dialogues, alongwith dates of holding such dialogues;

(b) how many of these dialogues proved fruitful and how many have failed;

(c) whether hardcore terrorists are let off under the guise of such dialogues and the surrendering terrorists are extensively rehabilitated by giving employment in the army and the police;

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

(e) whether Government ensure that there is no threat to the security of the

country from people recruited in this manner, and no unemployed person take up arms for getting employment?

Dowry related deaths in the country

936. DR. GYAN PRAKASH
PILANIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of FIRs registered for dowry deaths in the country/States during the last three years;

(b) the percentage increase, year-wise and disposal thereof;

(c) the number of FIRs of dowry deaths in four megapolis of Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai during the same period the percentage increase year-wise and disposal thereof;

(d) the crime per ten lac of population in the Country/States/four Megapolis;

(e) how many dowry deaths occur everyday, on an average and in how many minutes one dowry death occurs; and

(f) whether Dowry Death Scenario in the country is alarming; if so, the measures, Government intend to take?

Promotion of local defence groups

†937. SHRI ALI ANWAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that village defence groups are active in various States;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government promote local defence groups in different ways;

(c) if so, the number of village defence groups active in various States in the country and the levels at which Government provide assistance to them;

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(d) whether it is a fact that some leaders during their visits to Jammu and Kashmir had announced a prize, to the village defence groups for killing terrorists at the rate of Rs. one lakh per terrorist; and

(e) Government's attitude with regard to encouragement given to the village defence groups by any political party?

Bangladeshi intruders

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

(a) whether it is a fact that more than two crore Bangladeshi intruders are living in our country and are enjoying every rights;

(b) if so, Government's response thereto and the corrective steps taken or proposed to be taken against Bangladeshi intruders entering our country through Malda, Siliguri, Murshidabad, Dinazpur and North-East Region; and

(c) the details of steps taken by Government, so far with the help of concerned State Governments, to identify the Bangladeshi intruders in the country?

Terrorist incidents in J&K

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

(a) whether there has been a decrease or increase in terrorist incidents in Jammu and Kashmir during the last three years;

(b) whether there has been an increase in number of tourists arriving in Kashmir during the last three years, giving the year-wise details thereof; and

(c) whether it is safe for tourists to tour Kashmir; and

(d) the measures taken by Government for safety of tourists and whether such safety measures have proved effective, giving the details thereof?

Growth of CISF

940. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the maximum strength of CISF;

(b) whether there is a proposal to study, review and to decide whether to put a limit on the growth of CISF;

(c) whether it is a fact that due to rapid growth, the level of training and standards of personnel have been on a visible decline;

(d) whether Government have any vision about the CISF;

(e) whether there is any rational correlation between the growth of CISF and the decline of standards; and

(f) the details thereof?

Rallies in Delhi

†941. SHRI ALI ANWAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that various political and social programmes such as Dharnas, demonstrations, etc. are being often held in NCR of Delhi;

(b) whether it is also a fact that permission of Delhi Police is a must, for holding such programmes at many places in this region;

(c) whether police have to resort to lathi charge, firing, tear gas etc. and take the workers into custody during such programmes held in this region; and

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(d) if so, the number of Dharnas, demonstrations, hunger strikes and other programmes held in NCT during the last three years and the names of such organisations which held them?

Shortage of police personnel in Delhi Police

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

(a) whether there is a rise in various types of crime in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details of crimes reported in Delhi during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that there is an acute shortage of police personnel in Delhi Police;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken to fill up the vacancies in Delhi Police and reducing the crime rate in the capital?

Migration of families from Jammu and Kashmir

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

(a) whether it is a fact that minority Hindu families of Jammu and Kashmir are being compelled to flee from there;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a spurt has been noticed among Hindu families which are fleeing from Doda district of that State to Chamba in Himachal Pradesh;

(c) if so, what action Government propose to take in this regard;

(d) the details of the persons who fled

from that State during the last three years; and

(e) what are the details of efforts being made for their safe return?

Finalisation of draft Police Act

944. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:
PROF. ALKA BALRAM
KSHATRIYA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Home Ministry called a meeting of Chief Secretaries and Advisers of Union Territories to consider the Supreme Court directive on police reforms and draft a model Police Act by March, 31 this year and agreed to bring a legislation during the Budget Session of Parliament to finalize the Police Reforms Act;

(b) if so, what are the main details agreed and incorporated in the proposed legislation; and

(c) whether this decision has been communicated to the Supreme Court?

Meeting of Chief Ministers regarding Police Act

945. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there was a meeting with the Chief Ministers of States on 30th December, 2006, in connection with replacing the existing Police Act, 1861 with a new one in pursuance of the judgement of the Supreme Court; and

(b) if so, what is the outcome of the meeting?

Confidence generation among witnesses

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

(a) whether it is a fact that in the recent convictions in high-profile cases like Priyadarshani Mattoo and Jessica Lal decided in November and December, 2006 by the Delhi High Court, the importance of witness statements in bringing the guilty to book has been the main determinant factor; and

(b) if so, whether Government, in consultation with the Judiciary, are launching any drive to build greater confidence in the mind of witnesses and provide them with enough reasons to make them not end up ruining their decision to assist the courts, and also there being no doubt in their mind about retribution if they do turn hostile?

Crimes in Delhi

†947. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of rape cases in Delhi declined, in the year 2005-06 but there was a rise in the incidents of lootings and killings;

(b) if so, month-wise details of incidents of rape, looting and killing during the year; and

(c) the specific provisions made to prevent such incidents?

Modernisation of Police Force by A.P. Government

948. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry had received any proposal from the Government of Andhra Pradesh for approval of Action Plan for Modernisation of Police Force 2005-06, involving a cost of Rs. 167.86 crore;

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

(c) the funds released against this proposal; and

(d) the details of the modernisation of Police Force achieved with the help of the funds released by Centre to the State Government?

Missing persons in Delhi

†949. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of boys, girls, women and men gone missing in Delhi till date 7th January, 2007 this year during last three years till date and year-wise, district-wise separately; and

(b) the number of missing people traced by the Delhi Police, as on date, and the number of people yet to be traced?

Challan of Blueline buses in Delhi

950. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether every Blueline bus in Delhi was challaned for twenty times or more during 2006 for offences like rash driving, over-speeding etc. and the high rate of prosecution has failed to check the drivers from mending their ways; and

(b) if so, the reasons for not reining in these speed devils and not cancelling their permits?

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Strengthening of Indo-Bangla border

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bangladesh border is being freely used by the militants; and

(b) what is the action plan of Government to strengthen this porous border to control entry of illegal migration and smuggling?

Terrorists arrested in the country

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

(a) the total number of terrorist caught/ arrested in Delhi and other parts of the country during the last one year, month-wise and State-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that to enter the Indian soil, such terrorists reach the capital of the country easily and no-where else along with arms, ammunition, RDX and other dangerous items;

(c) if so, the quantity of arms, ammunitions, RDX and other dangerous items caught and the action taken against them, till now; and

(d) what type of training shall be imparted to the State Police to catch such terrorists in the concerned States and when?

Ceasefire with ULFA

953. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had declared ceasefire by way of suspending security forces' operations against ULFA, since 2005;

(b) if so, the details thereof, indicating reasons for suspension of action;

(c) whether Government had also held several rounds of talks with certain members of the civil society in Assam, as representatives of outlawed ULFA, with a view to restore peace in the State; and

(d) if so, the details of the talks so held and the current status thereof?

Kidnapping/killing of children in R.K. Puram, Delhi

954. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of children kidnapped/ killed during the last two years in R.K. Puram, New Delhi;

(b) the details of cases pertaining to kidnapping, missing persons, assault, etc. lying unsolved/untraced in R.K. Puram Police Station;

(c) whether law and order situation in R.K. Puram is worst and bad elements move in quarters freely, despite construction of boundary walls; and

(d) whether Delhi Police has prepared any plan to tighten the police vigilance in R.K. Puram area and if so, the details thereof?

Civilians killed by ULFA

955. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:
SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA:
SHRIMATI JAYA
BACHCHAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise details of innocent civilians and security forces personnel killed by the outlawed ULFA activists in Assam since 2003;

(b) whether the State witnessed spurt in killing by ULFA since 4th January, 2007 following a visit by a high level official team of Home Ministry to Guwahati, ostensibly to review the security situation in the State;

(c) the details of these incidents; and

(d) the measures taken by Government, particularly to protect non-Assamese speaking people in the wake of the threats held out by ULFA, preceding the review meeting, to leave Assam?

NCM & NHRC report on relief camps in Gujarat

956. SHRI SITARAM YECHURY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Commission for Minorities and National Human Rights Commission have mentioned in their reports about the urgent need for providing basic civic amenities to the inmates of 47 relief camps in various districts of Gujarat;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to implement those recommendations;

(c) if not, what is the State of affairs in providing the basic amenities to the inmates in those camps;

(d) whether any final decision has been taken on Union Package for 2002 Gujarat riot victims; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Investigation Committee for Nithari case

†957. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Home

Affairs constituted any high level committee in January, 2007 for investigation into the skeleton incidents in village Nithari of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have received the report of this Committee; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, along with the action taken?

Fencing in J&K

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

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to protect fencing on the extreme border, in J&K, which is generally under threat from the other side;

(b) whether there is any proposal to remove the border fencing which is upto five kms. inside the border, so as to shift the same to the extreme end of the border so that the land so reclaimed can be used by the owners; and

(c) if so, the details thereof in both the cases?

Training of police forces for taking naxalism

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

(a) whether it is a fact that police forces in Naxlite affected States are generally ill-equipped and ill-trained to successfully combat the threat; and

(b) if so, what steps Government are taking to properly equip and train police forces to successfully combat the threat?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Special package for flood victims of Rajasthan

†960. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Rajasthan has asked for a special package of Rs. 874.52 crore for the rehabilitation and development of the villages drowned during floods in rainy season in Barmer district in Rajasthan;

(b) the reasons for which this amount has not been sanctioned so far; and

(c) by when the said amount will be sanctioned?

Infiltration of terrorists

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

(a) whether steps have been taken by Government to check infiltration of terrorists from Pakistan and other countries;

(b) whether cooperation is being sought from border State Governments; and

(c) if not, the details of impediments therein?

Study on police and correctional administration

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

(a) whether the Central Government propose to encourage the study on the topics related to police and correctional administration;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Bureau of Police

Research and Development has signed any Memorandum of Understanding with some universities in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Terrorists arrested in Delhi

963. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi Police has recently arrested a few terrorists belonging to Jaish-e-Mohammad group and recovered huge RDX hand grenades etc. from them;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether any one of the arrested terrorist belong to Pakistan and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the matter has been brought to the notice of the Government of Pakistan and if so, what was their reaction?

Vehicle thefts in Delhi

964. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cases of vehicle thefts in NCT of Delhi have increased during the last one year;

(b) if so, what are the number of vehicles stolen as reported during the last one year;

(c) whether Delhi Police has not taken any steps to put permanent pickets on all major routes in order to check the rise in theft of vehicles; and

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

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Protection of witnesses

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

(a) whether it is a fact that 37 per cent people fear for severe harassment in going to witness box in courts with the result that the guilty/criminals are not being punished and set free;

(b) whether Government propose to frame any law or rules for protection of witnesses; and

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

Development Board for Konkan region

966. DR. P.C. ALEXANDER: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have considered the unanimous resolution passed by both the Houses of the Maharashtra State Legislature on 20th February, 2005, recommending the establishment of a separate Development Board for the Konkan region of the State; and

(b) if so, whether a favourable decision is expected to be taken by the Central Government before the end of the current financial year?

Imposition of emergency in Pakistan

†967. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:
SHRI VINAY KATIYAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is apprehension of a number of terrorists intruders intruding in

various States of India; and

(b) if so, whether there is any specific action plan to counter this situation, if so, the details thereof?

Policy on telecast of cricket matches

968. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the firm and sustained policy for telecasting/broadcasting of cricket matches between Indian cricket team and any other foreign-based team, whether played in India or at any other place;

(b) what steps Ministry of Information and Broadcasting had taken to ensure that India-West Indies cricket series, played from the third week of January, 2007, are shown on Doordarshan and broadcast on All India Radio; and

(c) who is responsible for the non-telecasting/broadcasting of Nagpur match, and whether it was due to lack of established policy of Prasar Bharati or some random official lapse?

Ban on AXN channel

969. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry's recent order banning AXN channel for three months is the second time that this channel has been charged with violating the Cable Television Network Regulations Act, so far;

(b) if so, whether AXN has become the sixth television channel to be banned in India, up till now;

(c) whether Government have also issued 203 show-cause notices, around one-

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third of them for telecasting obscenity, over the last two years, against the entertainment and news channels beaming into the country; and

(d) if so, what other steps Government propose to take against those channels who are violating the code?

Action against channels for telecasting operational content

970. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had ordered action against one of the 290 channels on air;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that many channels were also under the watch of Government;

(d) whether Government had warned the channels again any objectionable content; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Pay-scales of Administrative staff of Akashwani and Doordarshan

971. SHRI SHARAD ANANTRAO JOSHI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that both the technical and Programming and the Administrative staff of Akashwani and Doordarshan have been deemed to be on deputation to Prasar Bharti;

(b) whether it is a fact that while the Technical and Programming staff scales had been upgraded from the 1st January, 1996, the pay scales of the administrative

employees have not yet been upgraded; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the action proposed to be taken to correct this injustice and by when the corrective action will be taken?

Income from private cable network companies

972. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the total income generated by Government from various private cable network companies during the last one year;

(b) whether Government have any monitoring agency to check and inspect the *modus operandi* of these cable network companies;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the measures taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

Interest rate on EPF

973. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Board of Trustees of the EPF is still to decide on the interest rate on EPF balances for the coming fiscal;

(b) if so, whether the present EPF interest rate of 8.5 per cent will continue to be in force, which will result in a deficit of Rs. 450 crore by the year end; and

(c) whether Government would

consider allowing professional managers to suggest different kinds of portfolios, including equity-linked investments, in part?

Workers' share of PF due from members of CII and ASSOCHAM

974. SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the members of CII and ASSOCHAM are due to pay their workers share of Provident Fund to the tune of 1,500 crore;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government in this regard?

Increase in unemployment rate

975. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has estimated that the unemployment rate for the economy as a whole shot up significantly during the last two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether employments even in the organized sector, declined between 2004 to 2006, in both the public and the private sector, particularly in Maharashtra;

(d) whether any concrete programme of action has been considered by Government to provide more jobs in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Non-recruitment by BPO/IT companies through Employment Exchange

976. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether BPO, IT companies do not recruit the candidates registered with employment exchanges and recruit candidates from their own source;

(b) if so, whether it is proposed to make it compulsory for all IT enabled companies to recruit candidates, at least to a given percentage, through Employment Exchanges;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Child labour in the country

†977. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of child labourers in the country;

(b) the details of effective steps taken by Government for eradication of child labourer;

(c) whether child labourer projects have been set up by Government; and

(d) if so, the number and details of child labourers benefited therefrom, State-wise?

Free life insurance for unrecognized sector

†978. SHRI SATYAVRAT

CHATURVEDI:

SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering

to provide free life insurance facility to workers of unorganized sector;

(b) if so, by when the same would be implemented;

(c) the names of districts where such facility would be introduced to begin with, the number of workers of unorganized sector likely to be benefited by the same and the amount likely to be spent on the same; and

(d) the number of workers likely to be benefited with implementation of the scheme throughout the country, alongwith total expenditure likely to be incurred on the same?

Unemployed youths registered in employment exchanges

979. SHRI THENNALA G. BALAKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise total number of unemployed youths registered in employment exchanges up to 31st December, 2006; and

(b) the number of professional qualified persons with profession-wise break-ups?

Equal wages for women in unorganized sector

980. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of women workers engaged in the different industries/trade in the unorganized, non-agricultural sector, getting equal wages for equal work;

(b) how many complaints have been received on the issue of non-implementation of Equal Remuneration Act, 1976; and

(c) the steps taken by Government for strict implementation of this Act?

Child labour in hazardous occupations

981. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the present estimated number of child labourers in the country in hazardous occupations;

(b) the details of success of Government in reducing the number of child labourers and the action against illegal employers;

(c) the role of NGOs and social organizations involved in controlling the increase in child labourers; and

(d) the rehabilitation measures of Government for the children, who have been rescued from their employment in hazardous occupations?

Beedi workers in the country

982. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of beedi workers in the country, State-wise;

(b) the total number of women beedi workers in the country, State-wise;

(c) whether various Acts relating to welfare of beedi workers are being enforced strictly in all the States;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken by the Central Government to further improve the condition of the beedi workers?

NSSO survey on child labour

983. SHRI DHARAM PAL
SABHARWAL:
SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to NSSO survey, more than 16 million children are engaged as child labour in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government have any plans or approach to end the problem of child labour; and

(c) whether Government are considering more National Child Labour Projects for rescued child workers and if not, the reasons therefor?

Strike in jute mills in West Bengal

984. SHRI PRASANTA
CHATTERJEE:
SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a joint memorandum from Central trade unions to intervene into the ongoing strike in jute mills of West Bengal; and

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

Rising unemployment in the country

985. SHRI JANARDHANA
POOJARY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that unemployment in the country is rising at nine per cent per annum, with employment opportunities dipping correspondingly;

(b) if so, the details for the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;

(c) whether over 52 lakh graduates are in the waitlist for employment;

(d) if so, the details thereof with employment generated and given over the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;

(e) whether unemployment allowance is given for unemployed youth; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the efforts being made by the Centre to enhance employment opportunities in the country?

Repressive labour practices in BALCO

986. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that due to the repressive labour practices of the group of BALCO, controlled by Vedanta Resources, the strength of employees in the company has now been reduced to 3000, from the previous strength of 7000;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this company is no longer employing local labour and if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government are aware that most of the labour related provisions in the shareholders agreement between Government and the company have been flouted; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to cancel the deal and if not, the reasons therefor?

Interest rate on EPF

987. SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS BAL APTE:

SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether differences have surfaced between Government and the representatives of the employees on the issue of interest rate on Employees Provident Fund;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the efforts made to sort out the differences; and

(d) the outcome thereof?

Medical camps for beedi workers in Andhra Pradesh

988. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that no medical camps have been held in some districts for beedi workers over the last three years in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government did not organize or encourage medical camps for beedi workers in 2005-06 in Guntur, Krishna and West Godawari districts;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps proposed to increase the attention for beedi workers in the country?

Unemployed youths in Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh

989. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of unemployed youths in

Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh, district-wise as on 31st December, 2006;

(b) whether Government have formulated any employment policy in this matter; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Implementation of NREGA in States

990. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are implementing NREGA in all the States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the present status of implementation of NREGA, State-wise?

Employment under NREGA

991. SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that employment provided under NREGA is 1.36 crore, whereas rural BPL house holders are 165 crore; and

(b) if so, what steps are to be taken by Government to achieve the targets?

Implementation of NREGA

992. SHRI THENNALA G. BALAKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount spent for National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme during the last year, State-wise;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) the total number of persons benefited under this Scheme, State-wise;

(c) whether any State Government did not properly utilize this Scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Formation of social and Economic overhead capital under REGS

993. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme is like dig the holes and fill up them, without generation of any productive social and economic overhead capital; and

(b) if so, the details of the productive social and economic overhead capital formation ?

Implementation of NREGA in Jharkhand

994. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any projects are being implemented in Jharkhand under the National Rural Employment Guarantee (NREG) Act;

(b) if so, the details thereof, indicating the population of the districts covered in the first phase, the number of persons estimated to be availing of employment, the volume of fund allocated to Jharkhand, *vis-a-vis* the number of persons actually availed of employment and the sum spent till the first half, with projection of the next half year;

(c) whether Government are contemplating to include more districts

under the NREG Scheme during the year 2007-08; and

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

Extending NREG Programme in more districts

995. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to extend the reach of National Rural Employment Guarantee Programme to more districts than originally sanctioned; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the entire population below the poverty line in each of the designated districts under the programme has been covered as the sole beneficiaries of the Scheme; and

(c) to what extent the local Panchayats have been empowered and equipped in areas of NREG schemes to ensure proper monitoring and disbursement of wages including muster roll preparation and self-audit ?

Swajaldhara programme in M.P.

†996. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are incurring expenses on Swajaldhara Programme;

(b) the details of amount spent thereon by the Central Government during 2004, 2005 and 2006, State-wise;

(c) whether Madhya Pradesh, being a predominantly tribal State, would be given priority in terms of amount of grant; and

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

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana
in Jharkhand**

997. MS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are retaining Rs. 500 crore due to Jharkhand under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana; if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) by when this entire money will be released to Jharkhand Government; and

(c) the details regarding the number of roads constructed in Jharkhand under PMGSY during the last five years, district-wise, block-wise and village-wise, alongwith the length of the roads?

Second phase of NREGS

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

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to launch the second phase of the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, indicating the districts that would be covered under the second phase in Orissa?

Tardy progress of NREGA

999. SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the progress of NREGA programme is tardy;

(b) whether it is due to lack of proper administrative machinery for completion of process of registration and preparation of projects etc.;

(c) whether the funds allotted for training and administration are insufficient; and

(d) whether Government had any proposals to raise the administrative expenses from two per cent to five per cent; if so, the details thereof?

**Inquiry regarding implementation of
NREGP**

1000. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Rural Employment Guarantee Programme, being run in the country, has gone ashtray;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that labourers could get about 40 days of work instead of 100 days of guaranteed employment;

(d) if so, whether Government have conducted any inquiry in this regard;

(e) if so, the results thereof;

(f) whether the laudable features of the programme, such as provision of drinking water, sheds for children of the labourers and first aid, are nowhere in sight; and

(g) if so, the steps Government have taken to address the problem?

Higher BPL population in NE region

1001. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the reason for which the population of BPL is higher than the National average in the NE Region, stating the present total figure of such families in Assam; and

(b) the initiatives to bring their level at

par with the national average, and the funds allocated during the last financial year for the purpose in that State?

Allocation under PMGSY

†1002. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRI SATYAVRAT
CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the allocations made under PMGSY during the year 2006-07, State-wise;

(b) the number of States where the pace of work is slow under this scheme, alongwith details thereof;

(c) the funds provided by NABARD for rural roads under Bharat Nirman Yojana; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to ensure speedy and high quality construction work of roads under PMGSY in the States?

Slow pace of road construction under PMGSY

†1003. SHRI MAHENDRA SAHNI:
Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the rural roads in the States are in very poor condition due to slow pace of construction of roads under PMGSY in various States of the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to accelerate the pace of construction work?

Ranking for implementing rural development schemes

†1004. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Rural Development Ministry has started a ranking method for implementing the Rural Development schemes;

(b) if so, the result thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to encourage the States lagging behind in implementation of the rural development schemes?

Fund allocation under PMGSY

1005. SHRI SURESH BHARDWAJ:
Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the allocation of funds under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), State-wise, and actual disbursement to each State;

(b) whether the Central Government have any system to monitor the schemes under PMGSY and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the criteria for sanctioning schemes under PMGSY?

Monitoring Vigilance Committee in J&K

1006. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no meeting of the Monitoring Vigilance Committee has been held for quite sometime in J&K, particularly in the Jammu district; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and what action is under consideration of Government in this regard?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Total mileage under PMGSY

1007. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to urge the State Governments to step up the pace of implementation of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY);

(b) if so, the total mileage under PMGSY taken up, State-wise;

(c) whether Government have made sufficient funds available therefor; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Sluggish development of PMGSY

1008. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the sluggish development of Pradhan Mantri Gramin Sadak Yojana in various States;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the details of problems being faced by Government for such slow process of road development in the country; and

(c) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken for enhancing rural road connectivity within the country?

Uneven development of network under PMGSY

1009. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has a road network of over 33 lakh kms., and its distribution is highly uneven, as certain

parts of the country boast of modern expressways, there are other parts that are still inaccessible throughout the year;

(b) whether progress report of the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) shows that there has been no significant progress in new road connectivity under the scheme; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take to improve India's road network?

High arsenic level in drinking water

†1010. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the excess quantity of arsenic has been found in the drinking water in twelve districts of Bihar, three districts of Jharkhand and nine districts of West Bengal, due to which situation of serious diseases has become frightening;

(b) whether it is a fact that in these three States, team of experts in the concerned districts has revealed the presence of arsenic upto 814 microgram per litre, against the maximum safe limit of 50 microgram per litre, after the test of the sample; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Rural development schemes in the NE region

1011. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rural Development Ministry is implementing a number of schemes in the North-Eastern Region;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) if so, how many such schemes have been taken up in the different States of North East, particularly Assam;

(c) the State-wise details of funds allocated for different schemes during the last three years to North Eastern States and whether full amount has been utilized; and

(d) what is the progress report in all the States of North East, particularly Assam?

Potable water in villages

1012. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA : Will the Minister of Rural Development be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have set a target to provide potable water in all the villages under the Bharat Nirman Yojana, by 2009;

(b) if so, what is the present scenario in Rajasthan;

(c) the total number of villages where potable water is not available, with district-wise break up; and

(d) whether any special schemes have been formulated in this regard, Rajasthan being the largest desert State of the country, suffering from endemic acute water scarcity?

Road constructed under PMGSY in Bihar and Maharashtra

1013. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the names and distance of roads, constructed under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana in Bihar and Maharashtra;

(b) the funds released under this scheme to these States during the last two years;

(c) whether Government are also planning to construct roads which are affected by floods; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

PMGSY in Himachal Pradesh

†1014. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount provided to Himachal Pradesh during last five years under "Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana";

(b) whether Himachal Pradesh is lagging behind in implementation of this scheme;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and measures being taken to ensure due implementation of the scheme;

(d) whether Government propose to construct Jalwari, Maghara and Jangala-Gumna roads under this scheme during the year of 2007-08; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Roads under PMGSY in Bihar

†1015. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount allocated to Bihar during the last year under the programme to connect all the villages having population of more than one thousand, with metalled roads as required in PMGSY;

(b) whether the said amount is sufficient to achieve the desired targets;

(c) by when the target of connecting all the villages with population of over one thousand will be met, and the district-wise programme prepared for the same; and

(d) the amount provided under this head and the roads selected, district-wise?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Textile parks in M.P.

†1016. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to formulate any scheme for setting up of textile parks for increasing textile production;

(b) if so, the total number of such parks that would be set up; and

(c) whether it is proposed to set up such a park in Madhya Pradesh also?

Extension of TUFs

1017. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that TUFs is expiring on 31st March, 2007;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the office of the Prime Minister and the Planning Commission are opposing its extension and instead recommending to extend the infrastructure grants to textile companies, as has been done in the case of Integrated Textile Parks;

(c) if so, what is the opinion of the Ministry in this regard;

(d) whether the Finance Ministry has given its decision on TUFs; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Textile parks in Orissa

1018. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to spend Rs. 750 crore on 25 new textile parks; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, indicating the parks proposed to be developed in Orissa, to improve its economy?

Modernization of NTC mills

†1019. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Textiles has formulated a scheme for modernization of 22 mills of National Textile Corporation;

(b) if so, the names of such mills;

(c) by when the work of modernization of such mills would be completed; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to increase stake of public sector mills in the continuously expanding domestic textiles market?

India's share in world handicrafts market

1020. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the world market for handicrafts was estimated at 2.350 Million U.S. Dollar of which India's share is only two per cent;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government are considering to set up institutions in every State to train people in various handicraft disciplines; and

(c) whether Government are also considering to promote the brand image of Indian handicrafts in global markets?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Increasing the capacity of textile
manufacturing sector**

1021. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN:
Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased
to state:

(a) whether there is an urgent need to
increase capacity of textile manufacturing

sector, which is not in a position to meet
the industry's machinery requirement,
causing huge backlog in supplies;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken to increase the
capacity?

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