

Budget allocation for SC/ST employees

†* 146. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that budget allocation is made by Government for welfare, promoting the skill and development of the employees belonging to scheduled castes and scheduled tribes categories;

(b) if so, the purposes and the works for which this budget allocation is made;

(c) the allocation made under this head for Employees' State Insurance Corporation during the last four years; and

(d) the names of the heads under which the fund allocated by the Employees' State Insurance Corporation has been utilized along with the purposes for which the said fund has been utilized?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE): (a) and (b) The training programmes are organized by various Ministries/Departments to enhance and upgrade the skills of their employees including those belonging to scheduled castes and scheduled tribes out of their overall budget allocation.

(c) and (d) Employees' State Insurance Corporation is a self supporting organisation and does not receive any budgetary support from Government of India.

Export of animal products

†*147. SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS BAL APTE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's contribution in international trade of animal products is negligible;

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

(c) whether any plan has been formulated or is proposed to be formulated by Government to boost the export of animal products; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ANAND SHARMA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The major reasons for the low share of India in the international trade of animal products are:

- i. High domestic demand of milk and dairy products leaving less surplus for exports.
- ii. Prohibition on export of beef and beef products under the Foreign Trade Policy.
- iii. Strict Sanitary and Phyto-Sanitary conditions by a number of countries.
- iv. Prevalence and intermittent outbreaks of certain diseases such as Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) and Avian Influenza.

(c) and (d) For promotion of India's exports of livestock products, export promotion agencies such as Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), Export Inspection Council (EIC) have been providing necessary technical inputs and financial assistance for promoting export of India's livestock products.

Steps to meet threats posed by Maoists in hilly areas

* 148. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether maoists after ambushing CRPF, they slit throats, chop limbs and flee with AK-47, if so, whether at Dantewada ambush site 2700 cartridges and hand grenades were found;

(b) if so, whether police have recovered the same from the ambush site;

(c) if so, whether it has also been found that carrying these weapons is an exhausting task, particularly in humid conditions;

(d) whether in certain cases, CRPF men were resting in an open field while Maoists attacked them; and

(e) if so, what steps Government has taken to meet the threat posed by the maoists in the hilly areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (c) No Sir. However, 155 empty cartridges of 5.56 INSAS Rifle, 222 of AK-47, 151 of 7.62 SLR, 35 of 303 Rifle alongwith 2 tiffin bombs, 2 claymore mines (pipe bomb), 1 hand grenade and 400 mtrs of