

technologies where sludge is hygienised due to inactivation of pathogens by radiation effects, producing high quality manure for applications in agriculture. A large range of novel diagnostic and therapeutic applications of new radioisotopes have been developed. Electron Beam Accelerator technology has been extensively used leading to the delivery of many radiation processed high performance products in India. Radiation cross linked wire and cables, O-rings, heat shrinkable materials are some of the important products that have been developed. Some of the main industries in which electron beam has been used in India are mentioned below:

- (i) Cable and electrical insulation manufacturers
- (ii) Heat shrinkable product manufacturers
- (iii) Plastic recycling industry
- (iv) Diamond industry

Increase in pending queries with CIC

2725. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been drastic increase in pending queries with Central Information Commission (CIC) in 2014 as compared to previous year, if so, the details of pending queries, year-wise; and

(b) whether there has been increase in appeals and complaints in 2014 as compared to previous year and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (DR. JITENDRA SINGH): (a) The number of pending appeals/complaints cases for disposal in Central Information Commission as on 1st January of the year is as under:

| Year | No. of appeal/complaints pending for disposal |
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| 2013 | 21600 |
| 2014 | 22907 |
| 2015 | 35880 |

(b) The number of appeals and complaints registered during 2013 and 2014 are as under:-

| Year | No of appeal/ complaints received |
|------|-----------------------------------|
| 2013 | 23300 |
| 2014 | 32095 |

The filing of appeals and complaints in the Central Information commission varies with the total number of RTI applications filed with the Central public authorities.

Objective and Goal of 'Act East Policy'

2726. SHRI SHADILAL BATRA: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

- (a) the objective and goal of the 'Act East Policy' of Government;
- (b) whether Government has carried out any study to identify the beneficiaries under the policy, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the efforts taken by Government to achieve the targets in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (DR. JITENDRA SINGH): (a) The 'Act East Policy' is the upgrade of the "Look East Policy" aims at promoting economic and cultural ties, development of strategic relationship with the neighbours in South-east Asia with a more proactive and pragmatic approach and thereby improving the economic development of the North Eastern Region.

(b) The policy has been evolving since early 1990s that involves intensive and continuous engagement with South-east Asian countries at bilateral, regional and multilateral levels towards achieving the objectives.

(c) Under the "Act East Policy" the Government has taken several proactive measures. On the domestic front measures have been taken for time bound completion of critical infrastructure projects in the NER relating to road, rail, inland water transport, power, airports and telecom connectivity. Actions have been taken for faster connectivity of NER with other parts of the country. NER has also been integrated with various plans and programmes at bilateral, regional and multilateral levels. Due to constant engagement with the neighbouring countries, some of the long pending bilateral issues have also been addressed.