

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Friday, the March 1, 2002/Phalgun 10, 1923 (Saka)*

(Ministries: Agriculture; Chemicals and Fertilizers; Environment and Forests; Food Processing Industries; Human Resource Development; Ocean Development; Railways; Science and Technology; Steel; Youth Affairs and Sports)

Total number of questions—20

#### Agricultural research and extension system

\*21. DR. MANMOHAN SINGH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any assessment of the health of agricultural research and extension system and its ability to cope up with the challenges that Indian agriculture faces; and

(b) if so, what are the findings thereof?

#### Promotion of sports

\*22. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a committee has been set up on Government—Industry co-operation for promotion of sports;

(b) if so, whether various sports federations are also associated with this committee; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Growth target of agricultural sector

\*23. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the rate of growth targeted and achieved in agricultural sector during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that this sector performed below the target during the same period;

(c) if so, the details thereof, togetherwith the reasons therefor;

(d) the details of target set for the year 2001-02 and likely achievements thereof; and

(e) the steps taken to improve the performance of this sector?

#### Purchase norms in Jaipur region of KVS

†\*24. SHRI D.P. YADAV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a definite procedural norm for purchases in

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan; if so, the details thereof and the amount above which tender is issued;

(b) whether some Group A principals in Jaipur division have been accused of violation of procedure in purchase of computers and no action has been taken against them by the Sangathan, while some other principals have been punished for such violation;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the justification for this discrimination; and

(e) whether action is being taken against officials in Jaipur division, accused of violation of procedure; if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Departmental enquiries in KVS**

†\*25. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that departmental enquiry has normally to be completed within six months, as per Central Civil Service Rules, 1965;

(b) if so, the details of departmental enquiries in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan which are pending/incomplete for the past one, two, three, four or more years;

(c) the details of such delay, enquiry-wise;

(d) the details of provisions for action against officers responsible for such delays; and

(e) the details of officers against whom such action has been taken/is to be taken?

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#### **Water purification plant for the Railways**

\*26. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that he has announced recently setting up of water purification plant and an independent power plant for the Railways;

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

(c) how Government would go about in implementing the same?

#### **Chilli prices in Karnataka**

\*27. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that chilli prices have fallen steeply in the country; if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is no Minimum Support Price mechanism for chillies; if so, what are the details of steps proposed to be taken in that direction;

(c) the total production of chillies in Karnataka during the last three years and the rates of procurement, year-wise; and

(d) whether Government propose for Market Intervention Scheme in Karnataka; if so, the details thereof?

#### **Agricultural subsidies for farmers**

\*28. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMAD KHAN (DURRU): SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of agricultural subsidies extended, in different forms, to farmers

in Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Assam and other States; and

(b) whether any fresh proposals for such subsidies have been received from State Governments; if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

#### **Admission of students of National Open School**

\*29. SHRI BHAGATRAM  
MANHAR:  
SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Open School (NOS) students are not allowed to shift to regular schools, despite their excellent performance;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that students having cleared 10+2 from the NOS are not allowed regular admission in colleges also; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to amend the rules so as to allow regular admission to NOS students to colleges?

#### **Railway signalling system**

\*30. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the existing railway signalling system is ineffective for smooth running of trains during the dense foggy days;

(b) if so, whether any critical review of the existing signalling system has been made for installation of a system by which

trains can be operated in foggy weather when visibility is poor; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by Government in this direction?

#### **Environmental hazards of industrialization in Talcher-Angul region**

\*31. SHRI MAN MOHAN SAMAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that environmental hazards in the Talcher-Angul region of Orissa are a serious cause of concern;

(b) whether Government have studied the impact of industrialization on environment in that region;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the measure taken to control environmental crisis in the region during the last three years?

#### **Appointment of Hindi teachers in Assam**

\*32. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount sanctioned and released to the Assam Government by the Union Government for the year 2000-2001, for appointment of Hindi teachers in high schools;

(b) whether an amount of Rs. 2,70,95,949/- was released as second instalment for payment of salaries to 1100 Hindi teachers in the State;

(c) if so, whether the amount has been disbursed; and

(d) if not, why the Hindi teachers of high schools in the State are not getting their monthly salaries for the last 18 months?

**Educationally disadvantaged groups  
in Andhra Pradesh**

\*33. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any survey to find out the educationally disadvantaged groups in rural areas of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the findings of such a survey; and

(c) what steps Government have taken or propose to take to ensure that education reaches to these groups of rural areas of the State?

**National Programme of Nutritional  
Support**

\*34. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Programme of Nutritional Support to primary education, popularly known as Mid-Day Meal Scheme, was launched during 1995;

(b) if so, whether Government have made any survey of the programme with regard to its impact on enrolment, attendance, retention and universalisation of primary education;

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

(d) the funds allocated and utilized during the last three years, State-wise?

**Rail accidents**

\*35. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of rail accidents that

took place in each year during the last five years, year-wise;

(b) what is the number of people killed and injured in each of these accidents;

(c) whether it is a fact that the number of rail accidents has risen during the last five years; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

**Increasing number of drop-outs**

\*36. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN:  
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified the reasons for the increasing number of drop-out cases, before passing 12th Class;

(b) whether it is a fact that the number of drop-out students at school level has been different in various States of the country;

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

(d) what steps are proposed to be taken in this regard?

**Projects for improving environment**

\*37. SHRI ANANTRAY DEV-SHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of projects undertaken for improvement of environment during the last two years;

(b) the extent of achievement;

(c) whether there is any plan to take up any other such projects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### **Losses of steel industry**

\*38. SHRI GAYA SINGH:  
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the indigenous steel industry is in a great crisis and almost all the units are running under losses;

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

(c) whether the steel industry is demanding ban on import of seconds and defective steel; and

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

### **Restructuring of SAIL**

\*39. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Steel Authority of India Limited is being restructured through formation of two strategic business units, based on product profile; and

(b) whether the Central Marketing Organisation of SAIL is also being bifurcated?

### **Productivity of coconut cultivations in Kerala**

\*40. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN:  
Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kerala Government has submitted a proposal for improving the productivity of coconut cultivation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to help the coconut farmers; and

(d) the details regarding the Coconut Mission project submitted by the Kerala Government?

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*The 23rd February, 2002*  
*Phalguna 4, 1923 (Saka)*

R.C. TRIPATHI,  
*Secretary-General.*

**I N D E X**  
**(Ministry-wise)**

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