

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Wednesday, the March, 1, 2006/Phalguna 10, 1927 (Saka)*

(Ministries: Commerce and Industry; Defence; Home Affairs; Labour and
Employment; Rural Development; Textiles)

Total number of questions — 20

Financial incentives to producers of Orthodox Tea

*141. SHRI SANTOSH
BAGRODIA:
SHRI GIREESH KUMAR
SANGHI:

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

(a) whether Government have decided
to provide financial incentives to the
producers of Orthodox Tea to arrest falling
exports and increase global market share;

(b) whether any strategy to increase
India's global market share in tea has been
evolved; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Terrorist activities in South India

†*142. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN
PANY:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR
PRASAD:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that

terrorist activities are on the rise in South
India;

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

(c) if so, the measures taken to stop the
same; and

(d) the efforts being made to block any
external assistance to the terrorists in the
Western coastal areas?

Strength of women police

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the strength
of women police in the country is not even
2.5 per cent of the total strength of the men
police;

(b) whether it is also a fact that women
police in Andhra Pradesh is less than the
national average of 2.5 per cent when
compared to male police; and

(c) if so, what positive measures are
being taken by Government for gender
sensitization, including recruitment of
women in the State police services?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Allocation for rural water supply scheme

*144. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the amount allocated to the States under the rural water supply scheme during the last three years and till date, State-wise;

(b) the details of the amount utilized by the States during this period; and

(c) the present status of the rural water supply scheme in the country?

Rural development and infrastructure creation

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

(a) the amount spent by Government during the last two years for each scheme of rural development, State-wise;

(b) whether Government have any proposal to spend at least Rs. 1 lakh crores in the coming year on rural development and creation of infrastructure;

(c) if so, the schemes identified for this purpose, State-wise; and

(d) the amount allocated for each scheme, State-wise?

Growth rate of industrial production

*146. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the annual growth rate of industrial production is expected to increase in the current year as compared to the last three years;

(b) if so, the actual growth rate during the last three years and the estimated growth rate for the year 2005-06;

(c) whether Government have also identified those industries in which growth rate is either increasing or decreasing, as compared to the last three years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Pak citizens living in India

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

(a) whether Government are aware that thousands of Pak citizens are staying illegally in the country for the last five years; and

(b) whether it is a fact that the Government of Haryana has sent any information in this regard to the Central Government?

Promotion of textile industry in North Eastern States

†*148. SHRIMATI SUSHMASWARAJ : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that traditional apparels are being prepared in almost every household in the North Eastern States like a cottage industry;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering to set up an institute like National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) to promote textile industry there;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

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**Coast Guard Station at Beypore,
Kerala**

*149. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN:
Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased
to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to
set up Coast Guard Station at Beypore in
Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof including
the land required and steps taken to acquire
the same, approval of the competent
authorities, fund sought and allotted, if any,
and the period of completion of the project;
and

(c) the number of Coast Guard Stations
in the Western coast, State-wise, as on date?

**Sale of tickets for Republic Day and
Beating Retreat, 2006**

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

(a) the details of the tickets sold for the
Republic Day and Beating Retreat this year
and the last three years and the amount
realized, year-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that the sale
proceeds have been declining; if so, the
reasons therefor; and

(c) what are the reasons that tickets/
passes for both the events are not issued to
general public on first-come-first-serve basis
even after half a century of Independence?

Construction of roads in H.P.

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

(a) the details of the roads under
construction in rural, hilly and remote areas

of Himachal Pradesh under Pradhan Mantri
Gram Sadak Yojna, district-wise;

(b) the details of the amount allocated
and utilized during last three years for
construction of these roads in the State;

(c) whether it is a fact that the width of
Badiara-Nandla road is not in conformity
with the prescribed width of roads to be
constructed under the Pradhan Mantri
Gram Sadak Yojna; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

**Issuance of electronic cards to
beneficiaries of NREG Scheme**

*152. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA
RAO:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of RURAL
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry
is thinking of introducing smart or electronic
cards and electronic transfer of money to
beneficiaries to make the implementation of
the National Rural Employment Guarantee
(NREG) Scheme effective;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that his
Ministry is also proposing a tie-up
between banks and post offices to pay
wages to the beneficiaries; and

(d) if so, to what extent the proposal at
(c) above would help in effective
implementation of the scheme?

Foodgrain export

*153. SHRI PRASANTA
CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be
pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise quantum of foodgrains

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exported during 2002-05; and

(b) the percentage of foodgrains exported out of total exports during above period, year-wise?

Continuance of export-oriented schemes

*154. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to continue the export-oriented schemes till 2008-09; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that his Ministry will take steps to ensure that the countervailing duty is not attracted and the schemes are not misused?

Benefits to beedi workers in Andhra Pradesh

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

(a) the number of beedi workers who have received under social welfare schemes any benefit in the districts of West Godavari, East Godavari, Adilabad, Guntur and Nizamabad of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the details of the benefits received by them indicating the cost thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that better implementation of social welfare schemes is needed; and

(d) if so, the details of the changes proposed?

Japanese investment in SEZs

*156. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have, during a recent meeting, invited Japanese companies to invest in the Small and Medium Enterprises and the Special Economic Zones in the country;

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

(c) the response of the Japanese delegation to Government's proposal?

Construction of tunnel under Rohtang Pass

†*157. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the latest status of the work for construction of tunnel under Rohtang Pass near Manali in Himachal Pradesh for providing an all weather road to Lahaul district, the foundation stone for which was laid by the then Prime Minister, Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee;

(b) the expenditure proposed to be incurred thereon this year and the amount already incurred so far together with the total expenditure to be incurred on the project; and

(c) the time-frame or target for completion of construction work?

Export from Tuticorin and Mangalore ports

*158. SHRI N.K. PREMA-CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any statistics relating to the quantity of Kerala based commodities such as cashew and marine products being exported through the Tuticorin and Mangalore ports every year

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and if so, the quantity thereof during the years 2004-05 and 2005-06 till now;

(b) if not, whether Government propose to prepare a State-wise export statistics and make available the same to the State Governments; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Houses for Tsunami affected people of A & N Islands

*159. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:
SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 10,000 people who lost their homes in the worst-hit Andaman and Nicobar Islands, a roof over their head is still a distant dream;

(b) if so, whether it is due to ongoing tiff between the local administration and the

armed forces over the extent of land required, thereby stalling several projects, including construction of about 5,672 houses; and

(c) what steps have been taken to resolve this dispute and by when the envisaged projects would be completed?

Funds for rural employment

*160. SHRI LEKHRAJ BACHANI:
Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the funds released to various States for rural employment as per National Rural Employment Guarantee Act; and

(b) whether there is any mechanism thought of for involving the Members of Parliament and MLAs and to take their cooperation; if so, what are the details thereof?

NEW DELHI;

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YOGENDRA NARAIN,
Secretary-General.

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(Ministry-wise)

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