

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Monday, the August 1, 2005/Sravana 10, 1927 (Saka)*

(Ministries : Culture; Development of North Eastern Region; Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises; Human Resource Development; Information and Broadcasting; Law and Justice; Mines; Parliamentary Affairs; Social Justice and Empowerment; Tribal Affairs; Urban Development; Urban Employment and Poverty Alleviation)

Total number of questions — 20

Unified Transport Authority

*101. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry proposes to set up a Unified Metropolitan Transport Authority for coordinated planning between the States and the Centre for controlling the vehicular movement in urban areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the proposed authority is a part of the National Policy on Urban Transport;

(d) whether any consultation has been held in this regard with the Chief Ministers and Transport Ministers of the States; and

(e) if so, the outcome thereof?

National Text Book Council

*102. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: SHRI R.S. GAVAI:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE) Committee has recommended for setting up of a National Text Book Council;

(b) if so, the details of its recommendations; and

(c) the action Government propose to take in this regard?

Menace of beggars

†*103. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the number of beggars and other vendors is on the constant rise at the traffic signals on Delhi roads;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that accidents on roads are rising as a result thereof; and

(c) if so, the measures Government propose to take to check the same?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Projects in Bodoland Territorial Areas of Assam

*104. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds released for the various projects in the Bodoland Territorial Areas District (BTAD) of Assam out of the amount of Rs. 500 crores as committed in the Bodo Accord, 2005;

(b) the details of ongoing projects within BTAD area; and

(c) the details of progress of the work?

Proclamation of Sunni Wakf Board of U.P.

*105. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: SHRI DATTA MEGHE:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are keeping a close watch on the proclamation of the Sunni Wakf Board of U.P. certifying the historic monument Taj Mahal as a Wakf property;

(b) whether Government propose to challenge the claim in a higher court of law; and

(c) whether anticipating a spate of such claims to historic monuments elsewhere in the country as Wakf property, Centre would pre-empt such claims through an Ordinance?

School dropouts

†*106. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA: DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of students reduces upto 10 per cent by the time they reach 12th standard from 1st standard;

(b) if not, the facts in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that due to lack of required facilities for secondary and higher secondary education in the country, there is rampant corruption in education sector; and

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

Compulsory Education Bill

*107. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE) has considered/is considering a Compulsory Education Bill;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to introduce common school system as per the National Education Policy, 1986, in the Compulsory Education Bill;

(c) if so, the details thereof including the decision taken, if any;

(d) whether there is any proposal before CABE that would result in abdication of State's constitutional obligation to provide adequate financial resources for elementary education;

(e) if so, the action taken thereon;

(f) whether there is any delay in finalizing Compulsory Education Bill; and

(g) if so, the reasons therefor?

Affairs of institutions for disabled

*108. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that three apex

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

institutions for the disabled are practically headless;

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

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government had abolished the National Disability Commission; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

New music channels by DD

*109. SHRI R. KAMARAJ: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Doordarshan would soon state two new music channels;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that presently Doordarshan's DTH platform has space to accommodate 33 channels;

(d) whether it is also a fact that Doordarshan has been making efforts to expand DTH platform to accommodate more channels; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Recognition of degrees awarded by IGNOU

*110. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) was established under an Act of Parliament and hence all universities in the country are bound to accept the degrees awarded by it;

(b) whether it is a fact that Guru Nanak Dev University has refused to recognise certain degrees awarded by IGNOU and other such universities; and

(c) if so, Government's reaction thereto and the remedial action taken in the interest of degree-holders of IGNOU?

REC Silchar

*111. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that REC, Silchar, Assam has been converted into NIT;

(b) whether the post of its principal is lying vacant for more than a year or so;

(c) whether Government are taking any action to fill up the post; and

(d) if so, by when the post is likely to be filled up?

Funds for hostels in Nagaland

*112. SHRI T.R. ZELIANG: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state the details of the funds allocated and released for construction of hostels for boys and girls belonging to the SCs, STs, Tribals and other weaker sections of the society during the last three years in Nagaland, year-wise?

Stress-free examination

*113. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that CBSE plans stress-free examination measures for reducing stress on students;

(b) whether it is also a fact that CBSE proposes to give students extra 15 minutes before commencement of the examination to study the question papers;

(c) if so, the ways in which this would help students; and

(d) what other steps CBSE proposes to make the entire examination systems stress-free?

Heritage structures of Delhi

*114. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 21 heritage structures have been listed in Grade-I list in Delhi which require proper preservation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the guidelines to judge a monument as a heritage structure?

Judicial accountability

*115. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether after introducing a new method of performance appraisal of IAS Officers, Government has decided to enact a law to ensure accountability of judges and discipline the erring judicial officers, as part of its efforts to reform the administration;

(b) if so, whether these changes would be brought by making certain amendments in the Judges Inquiry Act, 1968;

(c) if so, whether this enactment of law would be required before amendment to the Constitution; and

(d) if so, whether Government are also considering to bring the constitutional amendment on the accountability and removal of judges, if found guilty?

Empowerment of women

*116. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed the recently released Report of the World Economic Forum, titled "Women's Empowerment: measuring the Global Gender Gap", placing India at the 53rd position in the 58 countries surveyed on social, economic and political gender parity;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the details of fresh steps initiated to improve upon the role of women and for their empowerment in different fields of activities, especially on the five critical parameters set out in the Report?

Autonomy to Navratna PSUs

*117. SHRI C. RAMA-
CHANDRAIAH:
SHRI MANOJ
BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to grant financial autonomy to profit making public sector Navratna companies to invest upto Rs. 1000 crore in joint ventures and subsidiaries without Government approval; and

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

Opportunities for students

*118. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated number of students who pass out of schools and colleges every year;

(b) the number of students who enter colleges or other educational pursuits and number of those who look for job market;

(c) the number of students who are neither accommodated by the job market nor by higher educational pursuits;

(d) whether adequate opportunities exist to accommodate students in job market and higher educational pursuits; and

(e) if not, the corrective action Government have taken or are contemplating to accommodate a large number of students emanating from schools and colleges every year in gainful pursuits?

Private participation in rural education

*119. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that private

participation in running secondary schools in rural areas is virtually nil;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government are considering any policy for increasing private participation in secondary schools in rural areas so that people in rural areas can get secondary education affordably and qualitatively by fulfilling Government's goal for education to all?

Satellite survey and aerial photography for minerals

*120. SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS BAL APTE: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the satellite survey and aerial photography are being used for identification and location of certain types of minerals, State-wise;

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

(c) the details of the minerals discovered so far as a result thereof, State-wise and location-wise;

(d) whether Government propose to use this technology for identification of minerals in Maharashtra; and

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

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YOGENDRA NARAIN,
Secretary-General.

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(Ministry-wise)

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