

## RAJYA SABHA

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### List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Wednesday, the December 1, 2004/Agrahayana 10, 1926 (Saka)*

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**(Ministries: Defence; Home Affairs; Non-Conventional Energy Sources; Power;  
Rural Development; Textiles; Youth Affairs and Sports)**

**Total number of questions — 20**

#### **Measures to counter violence in North Eastern Region**

\*1. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:  
SHRI KARNENDU BHATTA-  
CHARJEE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in just over  
two years 35 major incidents of violence  
were reported from the North Eastern  
Region; and

(b) the measures taken to counter the  
militant groups operating in North Eastern  
States?

(b) if so, the State-wise details in the  
above cases and the number of guilty  
punished during the last three years?

#### **MIG-21 aircraft crashes**

†\*3. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the  
Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of MIG-21 aircrafts that  
crashed in the last five years;

(b) the number of pilots and army  
officials killed in such air crashes during  
the last five years; and

(c) the reasons for the continuous  
accidents of MIG-21 aircrafts?

#### **Sexual harassment of women in police custody**

†\*2. SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR:  
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be  
pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an increase  
in the cases of sexual harassment of women  
in police custody; and

#### **Strategy for Commonwealth Games 2010**

\*4. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the  
Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND  
SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a sports strategy and  
plan in place in view of the coming 2010  
Commonwealth Games in New Delhi;

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- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Killings of elderly people in Delhi**

\*5. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of elderly couples murdered in Delhi since January, 2004;
- (b) the number of killers of these elderly couples arrested/nabbed; and
- (c) the concrete steps Government have taken for the safety of the elderly people?

#### **Compensation to disabled soldiers**

\*6. SHRI LEKHRAJ BACHANI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether, as reported in the media it is a fact that 40 thousand soldiers who were injured in battlefield have not got compensation as given to others;
- (b) whether there was any representation from such groups of soldiers; and
- (c) how far Ex-servicemen Contributory Health Services give help or benefits to such disabled soldiers?

#### **Measures to improve standard of sports**

†\*7. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:  
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that adequate measures are not being taken to improve the standard of sports in the country;
- (b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) whether it is also a fact that due to ever increasing influence of politics and commercialization in the field of sports, problems are being faced to improve the standard of sports; and

(d) if not, the reaction of Government in this regard?

#### **Provision of safe drinking water**

\*8. SHRI M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of villages in the country where Government has not been able to provide safe drinking water, State-wise;
- (b) the steps taken by Government to provide safe drinking water to the people of these villages;
- (c) the total amount provided to each of the State Government for this purpose;
- (d) whether the Central Government propose to take this task of providing safe drinking water on war footing with assistance from private sector;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Workers killed/injured due to collapse of portion of T3 tunnel of Tehri Dam**

\*9. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a large number of workers have been killed and injured as a result of collapse of unlined portion of T3 tunnel of Tehri Dam;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the matter has been probed by Government and if so, by whom and what are its findings?

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**Investment for strengthening the power transmission system in the Southern Region**

\*10. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have approved an investment of Rs. 285 crores for strengthening the power transmission system in the Southern Region;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that many State Governments in Southern Region have demanded more investment in power sector by the Government to enhance the power supply in this region; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Test flights of LCA 'TEJAS'**

\*11. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the indigenous Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) TEJAS has been successfully tested;

(b) if so, the results of the test flights; and

(c) its main features as compared to LCAs in use with other international air-forces and its comparative cost?

**Inquiry into use of banned drugs by athletes of Athens Olympics**

\*12. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had ordered a high level inquiry into the use of banned drugs by our athletes before and during Athens Olympics;

(b) if so, whether the inquiry report has since been submitted to Government; and

(c) if so, the findings thereof and the action taken by Government thereon?

**Early warning systems to deal with natural disasters**

\*13. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:  
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to frame a policy and legal framework for disaster management that would lay down precautionary and preventive measures;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how far the proposed measures would help to control the impact of natural calamities?

**"Food for Work" Programme for backward districts**

\*14. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a "Food for Work" Programme has been formulated for 150 most backward districts in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the criteria evolved for identifying the most backward districts, the number of such beneficiary districts selected, State-wise, and the role assigned to and financial obligation, if any, of the States in implementing the programme?

**Increase in Naxal and Maoist activities**

†\*15. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the States where signs of increase in the activities of Naxal and Maoist organizations has been noticed and what have been the results thereof; and

(b) the initiative Government have taken to bring the misguided youths of the Maoist and Naxal organisations into the mainstream and the results thereof?

**Foodgrains provided under "Food for Work" programme**

†\*16. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to continue the "Food for Work" programme;

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

(c) the number of States to whom foodgrains have been provided free of cost so far?

**Migration from rural areas to cities**

\*17. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any survey of migration of rural people to cities seeking better living conditions:

(b) if so, whether the percentage of such migration during the last decade has come down or gone up; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to bring down this migration to cities?

**Sick Jute Mills in Public Sector**

†\*18. DR. MURLIMANO HAR JOSHI: SHRI RAMJETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many Jute Mills being run in public sector in various States of the country have become sick or on the verge of becoming sick;

(b) if so, the names of that States in the country where Jute Mills were running in public sector till July, 2004;

(c) the number of mills among the said mills which have become sick and number of mills which are running in losses; and

(d) the outstanding amount till July, 2004 regarding Provident fund, E.S.I. and gratuity against these mills?

**Multi-purpose Identity cards in Meghalaya**

\*19. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Meghalaya Government has urged the Centre to introduce multi purpose identity cards to check the influx of foreign nationals into the State; and

(b) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken to issue citizen's identity cards to check illegal migration?

**Import of raw silk from China**

\*20. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

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| <p>(a) whether it is a fact that our silk exporters are forced to import raw silk from China due to inferior quality of our raw silk and its high price;</p> <p>(b) whether it is a fact that the price of</p> | <p>Chinese silk is lower than that of ours;</p> <p>(c) whether Government have enquired into the matter to overcome these shortcomings; and</p> <p>(d) if so, what are its end-results?</p> |
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NEW DELHI;  
The 25th November, 2004  
*Agrahayana 4, 1926 (Saka)*

YOGENDRA NARAIN,  
*Secretary-General.*

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

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<b>Power</b>	: 9, 10,
<b>Rural Development</b>	: 8, 14, 16, 17,
<b>Textiles</b>	: 18, 20,
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