

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Tuesday, the August 2, 2005/Sravana 11, 1927 (Saka)*

**(Ministries: Civil Aviation; Company Affairs; Finance; Panchayati Raj;  
Petroleum and Natural Gas; Tourism; Water Resources)**

**Total number of questions —20**

#### **Utilisation of Rupsi Airport**

\*121. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to utilise the Rupsi Airport near Dhubari in Assam;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government till now; and

(c) whether there is any commitment from Government to the NER MPs in this regard?

#### **Offer of cheap air tickets by private airlines**

†\*122. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that certain private airlines have tried to dupe ordinary passengers by offering to sell air ticket for Re. 1/-;

(b) whether some companies also offer air travel for Rs. 222/- in the name of competition;

(c) whether Government propose to set up a regulatory authority to regulate the travel fare of all airlines in order to protect the ordinary passengers from market competition of private companies;

(d) whether Government propose to take any action against the private airlines duping passengers by offering cheap tickets; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Investment of pension funds in capital market**

\*123. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for investment of pension fund of Central Government employees in the capital market;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the present status of the above proposal;

(c) whether there is any proposal to allow Foreign Direct Investment and Private Fund Managers in the pension fund of Central Government employees; and

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(d) if so, the details and the present status of above proposal?

**Policy on parking space at airports**

\*124. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:  
SHRI JANARDAN  
DWIVEDI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that parking space at airport terminals reserved for Government airlines is now being given to private airlines for their use;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some of the private airlines have been given parking rights by dereserving Government airlines space and no policy or rule were followed in doing so; and

(c) the policy/rules for providing parking space to different airlines at metro airports?

**Diplomacy on oil**

\*125. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:  
PROF. ALKA BALRAM  
KSHATRIYA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is all set to launch another round of oil diplomacy in mid-October;

(b) whether in its attempt to form an Asian Oil Community, India will host another meeting of Central Asian Oil producers with the four largest consumers of Asia viz. China, Korea, Japan and India;

(c) whether India proposes to host a meeting of Oil Ministers from Russia, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan

and Azerbaijan with four prime Asian buyers;

(d) if so, what will be the main points of discussion with Oil Ministers;

(e) the details thereof; and

(f) what are steps proposed to be taken to have a fresh diplomacy on oil?

**Shortage of runways at Delhi airport**

\*126. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that planes have to wait for an hour to take-off from Delhi airport due to lack of space, etc.;

(b) whether Government have any plan to meet the shortage of runway space in the immediate future;

(c) to what extent the AAI has been able to meet the anticipated growth in air traffic in Delhi;

(d) what immediate steps will be taken to find ways to meet the demand of space for landings and take-offs at Delhi;

(e) whether a more scientific use can be made of existing runways; and

(f) the steps proposed to meet this challenge immediately?

**Foreign institutions in Indian share market**

†\*127. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER  
SINGH MAJITHA:  
DR. MURLI MANOHAR  
JOSHI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of foreign institutions is increasing rapidly in the share market of the country;

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(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the number of foreign companies was 68 in March, 2005 which has increased to 721 till 10th June, 2005;

(c) if so, the details in this regard; and

(d) the reasons for foreign financial institutions entering rapidly in the Indian share market?

**Impact of prices of crude oil on the inflation rate**

†\*128. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the inflation rate has been more in the financial year 2004-05 in comparison to the last five years;

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

(c) whether it is also a fact that increase in prices of crude oil is the main reason for this inflation;

(d) if so, increase in the percentage of inflation due to this; and

(e) the measures that were taken by Government to check inflation during these years?

**Reduction in excise duty on cars**

†\*129. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:

SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry reduced the excise duty of cars in 2000-01 which had been further reduced in 2001-02 and 2002-03;

(b) whether it is also a fact that various companies did not reduce the prices of cars in proportion to the reduction in duty;

(c) whether the CAG has raised objection in its Report for not passing on the benefit to the consumers;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with names of such companies; and

(e) the action taken by Government to recover the amount from the companies concerned?

**Airports in NER**

\*130. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of airports which have been improved in the North Eastern Region;

(b) the number of airports that have been improved out of the total airports taken up for improvement;

(c) the number of airports that are still to be improved; and

(d) the details thereof?

**Tout menace at IGI Airport**

\*131. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of continuing tout menace at IGI Airport and also the nuisance of loaders stealing articles from the baggages of passengers, especially foreigners, thus tarnishing the image of the country;

(b) the number of tout problems and theft cases reported to the authorities during the last three months at IGI Airport;

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(c) whether Government are taking any preventive steps in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Safety audit of low-cost airlines**

\*132. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the DGCA has received any representation from the Air Passengers Association of India appealing to conduct a safety audit on the low-cost airlines;

(b) if so, the details of the representation received and the action that has been contemplated or proposed to be contemplated by the DGCA;

(c) whether the regulatory authority has ever taken notice of this; and

(d) if so, what steps have been taken by the authority so far on the safety audit of the low-cost airlines?

#### **Revamping of Kerosene network**

\*133. SHRI B.J. PANDA:  
SHRI R.P. GOENKA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to revamp kerosene distribution network in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) how far this will help to control diversion of kerosene supplied through PDS;

(d) whether it is also a fact that a visual campaign is proposed to be launched, through an appropriate theme film, highlighting flooding of the country-side with the poor man's fuel; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and its present status?

#### **Fluctuation in stock market**

†\*134. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at present an unprecedented boom is taking place in share market;

(b) whether speculators have any dubious substantive role behind this boom;

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to provide relief to the common investors from this sort of fluctuation; and

(d) the details thereof?

#### **Grant-in-aid to Maharashtra**

\*135. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that State Government of Maharashtra has requested for Grant-in-aid from Central Government for Tricentenary Anniversary of Gur-Ta-Gaddi at Nanded city;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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

#### **Handing over of LPG distribution to private players**

†\*136. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to hand over the supply of LPG to private companies; and

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the names of companies which will be given permission for supplying LPG?

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**Shortage of pilots with national carriers**

\*137. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the national air carriers are at present facing shortage of pilots;
- (b) if so, the details thereof as on 30th June, 2005, company-wise;
- (c) how these companies propose to fill their existing vacancies of pilots; and
- (d) what is Government's planning to increase recruitment and training of the pilots so as to ensure that there would be no shortage of pilots in India by the end of this decade?

**Cap on borrowing abroad for funding export credit**

\*138. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether banks have to reckon with a cap on borrowing abroad for funding export credit;
- (b) whether considering the substantial increase in export credit in foreign currency, a prudential limit would be prescribed to allow banks to borrow abroad for this purpose;
- (c) whether the working group constituted by the Reserve Bank of India has given its report, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the outstanding export credit in foreign currency has shot up and outstanding export credit in rupees has come down if so, the details thereof for the last three financial years; and
- (e) the action taken to resolve the discrepancy?

**Floods in Himachal Pradesh**

\*139. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether recent floods in Himachal Pradesh created havoc;
- (b) if so, whether India has shown its concern to China over the lake from Tibet;
- (c) whether in the wake of alarm rise in the level of Pareechu river, China has promised regular exchange of information and data with India regarding formation of an artificial lake on it at Tibet; and
- (d) to what extent this assurance has been helpful to India?

**Supply of Euro-II and Euro-III fuel in Karnataka**

\*140. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Euro-III grade fuel is being supplied through petrol and diesel outlets in Bangalore;
- (b) if so, how many petrol pumps are supplying it;
- (c) the steps taken to supply Euro-III fuel in more number of petrol pumps;
- (d) what are the steps taken to supply Euro-II diesel in Bangalore; and
- (e) whether there is any proposal to supply Euro-III and Euro-II in other cities in Karnataka?

## **I N D E X**

**(Ministry-wise)**

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