

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on*

*Monday, the December 2, 2002/Agrahayana 11, 1924 (Saka)*

**(Ministries : Commerce and Industry; Development of North Eastern Region; Disinvestment; Health and Family Welfare; Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises; Information and Broadcasting; Law and Justice; Shipping; Social Justice and Empowerment; Tribal Affairs; Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation)**

### Total number of questions—20

#### Expenditure on health care

\*181. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the expenditure on health care in percentage of GDP has been declining, whereas health care needs have grown steadily over the years; and

(b) the steps taken to raise the Central and State health outlays appropriately in view of the emerging new challenges to health and to ensure adequate health care facilities in all parts of the country?

#### AIDS/HIV among the age group of 12—25

\*182. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated number of AIDS/HIV positive women and men in the age group of 12—25 as on 1st January, 2000 in the country;

(b) the number of deaths because of this disease during the past three years, year-wise, State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken to minimise the casualties and the results thereof?

#### Selection of communities for inclusion in ST list

\*183. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the policy of inclusion of communities or group of people in the Scheduled Tribe list is a continuous process;

(b) whether Government takes the decision according to the recommendations of the concerned State Government, Registrar General of India and National SC/ST Commission;

(c) the manner in which Government can ensure that the concerned authorities adhere to the basic criteria in the selection or recommendation process; and

(d) the present number of communities or groups demanding inclusion in the ST list in the country?

### **Control on population**

\*184. DR. ABRAR AHMED:

SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have assessed the impact of various family planning measures adopted to control the population explosion in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to introduce new methods adopted in foreign countries in the field of family planning; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### **Investment by companies in Uttar Pradesh**

\*185. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of investment made in the public and private sector in the State of Uttar Pradesh during the last three years; and

(b) the details of projects on which private companies/multinational companies invested in the State during this period?

### **Advertisements on social themes**

\*186. SHRI S.S. CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the advertisements, carrying social themes like population control, AIDS awareness, etc. are being telecast only in Hindi even by regional telecasting centres;

(b) if so, why the important messages carrying such advertisements are not shown in the respective regional languages to bring more awareness among the people;

(c) the action taken by Government to telecast such advertisements in the regional languages; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Infection in Gastrointestinal Unit of G.B. Pant Hospital**

\*187. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that surgeries were carried on in the Gastrointestinal Unit of the G.B. Pant Hospital in New Delhi instead of the operation theatre;

(b) if so, the reasons for the same;

(c) whether it is a fact that the operation theatre has been found to be infected;

(d) whether any inquiry has been undertaken on the subject;

(e) if so, the details of the reports in this regard; and

(f) the steps taken by Government to improve the cleanliness in this Hospital?

### **NEC Amendment Bill, 1998**

\*188. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 4800 given in the Rajya Sabha on 13th May, 2002 and state:

(a) whether Government have obtained the views of concerned Ministries regarding NEC Amendment Bill, 1998;

(b) if so, the target set for introducing the Bill; and

(c) if not, the action taken to obtain the views and the time schedule finalized in this regard?

### **Upgradation of Government Medical Colleges**

\*189. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to upgrade Government Medical Colleges in the country;

(b) if so, the number of Government Medical Colleges proposed to be upgraded;

(c) how many Government Medical Colleges are proposed to be upgraded in the State of Karnataka; and

(d) the amount proposed to be spent for improving health infrastructure in the Government Medical Colleges in the State of Karnataka?

### **Setting-up of more terminals on National Waterways**

\*190. SHRIMATI N. P. DURGA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to make operative more permanent terminals on National Waterways in order to facilitate and strengthen passenger and cargo movements;

(b) if so, the places where these terminals are proposed to be set-up;

(c) whether certain other waterways are also to be made operational; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### **Strike against privatisation of NALCO**

\*191. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether in October, 2002, a State-wide strike was observed in Orissa by all Trade Unions and Political Parties including Biju Janta Dal protesting against privatisation of NALCO; and

(b) if so, whether Government would consider the demand of the people of Orissa?

### **Memorandum from All India Newspaper Employees Federation**

\*192. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any memorandum from the All India Newspaper Employees Federation against the move to allow foreign investment in the print-media;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the manner in which Government propose to protect the interest of the domestic print media sector?

### **Shortage of Doctors and Nurses in AIIMS**

†\*193. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the order passed by High Court seven years ago and the recommendations of the Committee of the other House for removing the shortage of Doctors and Nurses in the AIIMS have been implemented;

(b) whether CAG too in its Report No. 3 has given comments regarding shortage of Doctors and Nurses in the AIIMS; and

(c) if so, the action taken by AIIMS in this regard?

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†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Committee for publication's claim**

\*194. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are constituting a Committee to ascertain a publication's claim of being a speciality journal for being eligible for foreign direct investment upto 74 per cent;

(b) if so, the terms of reference and the time-frame for submission of the report; and

(c) whether the terms of reference of the Committee would be extended to finalize guidelines in regard to the print media which has also been permitted FDI upto 26 per cent?

**Setting-up of Task Force to boost exports**

\*195. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH:

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

(a) whether his Ministry has decided to set-up a Task Force to boost exports of capital goods and is planning to constitute an Inter-Ministerial Committee to address fiscal issues and procedural bottlenecks;

(b) if so, whether his Ministry has also decided to set-up a Task Force, comprising of Secretaries of various Ministries to chalk-out strategies and to facilitate its implementation to boost exports; and

(c) if so, to what extent it has been successful?

**Increase in FDI in Telecom Sector**

\*196. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering a proposal for increasing the FDI in Telecom Sector from 49 per cent to 79 per cent; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**SEZs in coastal areas**

\*197. SHRI GAYA SINGH: SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have taken steps to promote Special Economic Zones (SEZs) in coastal areas to attract large scale Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) during the last three years; and

(b) if so, the details of the steps taken in this direction and the outcome thereof?

**Cases of adulteration in medicines**

†\*198. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many cases of adulteration in medicines have come to light;

(b) if so, the names of the medicines in which the possibility of adulteration is more; and

(c) the details of persons punished in such cases, so far?

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†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Health care facilities in the country**

\*199. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the Doctor-Nurse ratio, doctor-population ratio, population per paramedical personnel and population per bed both in rural and urban areas during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the percentage of the above resources owned and managed by Government;

(c) whether Government have any plan to increase the health care facilities in Government hospitals; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Cheap Chinese goods in Indian markets**

\*200. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Chinese goods are easily available in the Indian markets;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Chinese goods are cheap enough to attract Indian customers;

(c) if so, to what extent Indian industries have suffered on account of Chinese goods; and

(d) the steps under consideration to combat the threat posed to our industries?

NEW DELHI;

*The 26th November, 2002*

*Agrahayana 5, 1924 (Saka)*

YOGENDRA NARAIN,

*Secretary-General.*

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**(Ministry-wise)**

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