

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Monday, the March 3, 2003/Phalguna 12, 1924 (Saka)*

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

Total number of questions—20

Strategy to reform the Judiciary

*161. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have evolved a two pronged strategy on judicial reforms both including appointment of Judges and their accountability;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken or being taken to adopt and implement the same?

Mushrooming of Ayurvedic Institutes

†*162. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRIMATI PREMA
CARIAPPA:

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

(a) whether Government are aware that several institutes are mushrooming in the country to provide incomplete training in Ayurveda and alternative system of medicine and recently a six months' course has been started by Vaidyanath Research Foundation;

(b) if so, the steps Government have taken to prevent mushrooming of such

institutes and to take action against these institutes for inadequate training; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Menace of spurious drugs

*163. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a meeting was convened by her Ministry on 27th January to deal with the menace of spurious drugs in the market;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the composition of Committee under Chairmanship of Dr. Mashelkar; and

(d) the action proposed by the said Committee?

Insurance Scheme for Journalists

†*164. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI:
SHRI RAMACHANDRA
KHUNTIA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

formulated any Insurance Scheme for Journalists;

(b) if so, the provisions of this scheme and to what extent Journalists are likely to be benefited therefrom;

(c) the category of Journalists covered under the scheme; and

(d) whether Government are considering the Journalists in the category of Reporters or Correspondents who discharge their duties round the clock are covered under the insurance scheme?

Mobile Diagnostic Treatment Clinics in rural areas

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

(a) whether there are Mobile Diagnostic Treatment Clinics in the rural areas run either by Central or State Governments;

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

(c) whether these clinics have the required number of staff and medicines; and

(d) the number of patients attended by these mobile clinics during the last three years, State-wise?

Byrd Amendment

*166. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that WTO has upheld the plea of India and 10 other countries that US Continued Dumping and Subsidy Offset Act, 2000 (Byrd Amendment) is inconsistent with WTO agreements on anti-dumping and subsidies and is in violation of global trade rules;

(b) if so, its impact on Indian trade;

(c) whether India would get any compensation from the US Government or companies for the past cases covered under the Act; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Special Economic Zones

*167. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up Special Economic Zones (SEZs) for the rapid growth of the Electronics and Hardware sectors in the country;

(b) if so, the details of amount required for such SEZs;

(c) whether the State Government of Karnataka has sought assistance from the Government for the establishment of SEZs in the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Promotion of social justice in J&K

*168. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Jammu and Kashmir State has been benefited from various schemes devised by the Ministry to promote social justice in the State;

(b) whether Government are not satisfied with the present level of contribution to the J&K State; and

(c) if so, whether special attention is proposed to be paid to the trouble torn State?

Strategy for growth of Industrial Sector

*169. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have chalked out any strategy for growth of Industrial Sector during the Tenth Five Year Plan (2002—2007);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how the strategy is different from the one adopted during the Ninth Five Year Plan?

Export potential of marine products from Orissa

*170. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the vast marine product export potential from Orissa;

(b) if so, the steps taken for exploitation of the same during the last three years;

(c) whether Government propose to increase the export of marine products in the coming years; and

(d) if so, the details of the proposal mooted in this regard?

Cancer patients in the country

*171. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons affected by Cancer in the country during the last three years;

(b) the number of persons died of this disease during the said period;

(c) the details of Cancer Detection and

Cure Centres available in the country, State-wise, particularly in Gujarat;

(d) the steps taken by Government to provide grants to charitable institutions for Cancer cure; and

(e) the total grants earmarked for Cancer cure during the last three years and the manner in which it has been distributed?

Review of Legal Services Authorities (Amendment) Act, 2002

*172. SHRI RANGANATH MISRA:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

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

(a) whether Government have ruled out review of the Legal Services Authorities (Amendment) Act, 2002, designed to establish a permanent Lok Adalat as an additional forum to litigants for resolution of their disputes with certain public utility services;

(b) if so, whether these Adalats have been helpful in reducing the pending cases with the Courts;

(c) whether keeping in view its importance and quick decision, the Government are now considering to have these Adalats permanently in almost all the States; and

(d) if so, by when, the final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

HIV cases among students in Tamil Nadu

*173. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a medical

camp conducted in a school in Tamil Nadu has revealed that seven students have tested HIV-positive;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that 16 students of a professional college in Tamil Nadu have also been tested HIV-positive;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government would contemplate revealing of information about students testing HIV-positive so that it would act as a deterrent for students all over the country?

Permission to educational institutions to host radio stations

*174. SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMACHANDRAYYA:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given its consent for the proposals to allow educational institutions with residential facilities to host their own radio stations;

(b) if so, the details of the proposals;

(c) whether the security clearance would have to be obtained from Home Ministry;

(d) if so, whether Government would not charge any license fee and those airing programmes would have to pay only the spectrum fee; and

(e) if so, to what extent it will be helpful for the schools and colleges?

Advertisement of liquor by Cable Networks

*175. SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA:
DR. ABRAR AHMED:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that advertisements on consumption of liquor are freely transmitted through Cable Television Networks in the country by private/foreign Satellite Channels; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government to stop such TV advertisements?

US industries for increase in trade with India

*176. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether US industries have sought increase in trade between US and India;

(b) the level of trade between the two countries; and

(c) Government's response in this regard?

Review of Environmental Laws by Law Commission

*177. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Law Commission has since completed its review of the Country's Environmental Laws;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the cases relating to environment are mounting in the Country day by day; and

(d) if so, by when the Environmental Courts are likely to be set up in various parts of the Country for speedier disposal of cases relating to environment?

Advertisements by DAVP

*178. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Urdu daily, weekly and monthly newspapers and magazines to which DAVP has been giving advertisements;

(b) the total allocation of advertisements to the Urdu newspapers and magazines during the year 2001-2002; and

(c) the percentage of advertisements of total allocation issued to Urdu journals by DAVP during the year 2001-2002?

Task Force on Street Vendors

*179. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up any task force to look into the

problems of Street Vendors in the Country in order to regulate their activities and also improve their working conditions;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when a policy in this regard is likely to be announced?

Market rating of HUDCO Bonds

*180. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the market rating agencies have downgraded the HUDCO Bonds causing doubts on the success of its Rs. 2500 crore fund raising Bond from capital markets;

(b) whether this downgrading of HUDCO Bond rating is based on recent HUDCO investments in State Government Undertakings which are considered defaulters; and

(c) if so, whether any special investigation/probe into financial operations of HUDCO is underway?

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YOGENDRA NARAIN,
Secretary-General.

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