

## 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  
Friday, the March 3, 2006/Phalgun 12, 1927 (Saka)*

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**(Ministries: Agriculture; Chemicals and Fertilizers; Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution; Environment and Forests; Food Processing Industries; Health and Family Welfare; Railways; Steel)**

**Total number of questions — 20**

#### **Benefits to farmers from rising market prices**

\*181. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that farmers are not benefiting from rising market prices of wheat as the middlemen are raking all the profits;

(b) whether Government have a plan to ensure that farmers get adequate benefit from higher market prices of their crops;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Sea food parks in coastal areas**

\*182. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to develop sea food parks in coastal areas;

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

(c) whether these parks are very popular the world over; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to have joint venture with foreign firms for development of such parks and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Utilization of Railway Safety Fund for road safety works**

\*183. SHRI R.K. ANAND:  
SHRI SANTOSH  
BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Railway Safety Fund was created to finance works relating to road safety measures and if so, the reasons for not using the funds for safety purposes;

(b) whether a train mowed a trolley at the unmanned railway crossing near Nagpur recently killing fifty five persons; and

(c) if so, whether the matter has been inquired into to bring to book the authorities responsible for not using the Railway Safety Fund for the purpose it was created?

**Unauthorized structures in wild life sanctuaries**

\*184. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that unauthorized structures violative of Revenue Act within the precincts of Ranthambore National Sanctuary have been demolished;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the other wild life sanctuaries and national parks where unauthorized structures exist in their precincts; and

(d) what is Government's plan to free them from unauthorized land use to ensure safety of wild animals?

**Laying of Gwalior-Etawah rail line**

†\*185. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to lay railway line between Gwalior and Etawah (U.P.);

(b) if so, by when the project is likely to be completed; and

(c) what are the details thereof?

**Implementation of CGHS in Andhra Pradesh**

\*186. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of implementation of the Central Government Health Scheme in Andhra Pradesh during the last three years, year-wise and location-wise;

(b) the details of new CGHS dispensaries proposed to be opened in the State, location-wise; and

(c) the details of expenditure incurred by Government on various Central Health Schemes during the last three years, year-wise?

**Development of marketing centres**

†\*187. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are going to develop eight 'state of the art' marketing centres for marketing of agricultural products;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the States where these centres are likely to be set up and the details of the resources of their funding?

**Purchasing of Khadi and Kulhad by Railways**

†\*188. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

SHRI SURENDRA LATH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of Khadi and Kulhad purchased by Railways, so far, after the announcement of the budget, 2004;

(b) whether Railways propose to serve meals in thalis and donas made of 'Saal' leaves on the pattern of Khadi and Kulhad; and

(c) if so, by when and the steps to be taken in this regard?

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**Rejection of Indian Chyavanprash by Singapore**

†\*189. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Singapore has returned Indian Chyavanprash considering it as dangerous;

(b) whether it is also a fact that prior to this incident, America had also returned Indian Ayurvedic medicines with similar allegation;

(c) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard;

(d) whether, in order to check repetition of such negligence, Government would consider to set up an effective authority after dissolving the Central Medicinal Plant Board; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Conversion of single railway lines into double railway lines in Bihar**

\*190. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to convert single railway lines into double railway lines in Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the names of single railway lines which have been converted into double railway lines during 2005-2006?

**Extension of rail line from Dimapur/Dhansiri to Imphal**

\*191. SHRI T.R. ZELIANG: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that in the past, there was proposal for extension of railway line from Dimapur/Dhansiri (Assam) to Imphal *via* Jalukie-Peren and for which survey was carried out and submitted for consideration;

(b) if so, what went wrong with the proposal; and

(c) if not, what is the alternative arrangement to extend railway line to Imphal from Assam?

**Procurement target of wheat**

†\*192. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:  
SHRI RAM  
JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that wheat production in the country during the current year will be more than the last year;

(b) if so, whether Government have also set any target for the procurement of wheat;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) expected reserves of wheat with the Food Corporation of India on March 31, 2007 after attaining the target for procurement and fulfilling the requirements of PDS and other like schemes?

**AIIMS like hospital in Bhopal**

†\*193. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have a plan to set up an AIIMS like hospital in Bhopal and if so, the details of its present status;

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(b) the difficulties being faced in setting up the same at the earliest; and

(c) the extent of assistance being provided by the State Government in this regard?

#### **Indebtedness of farmers in Punjab**

\*194. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that Punjab is one of the richest States and has most of its farmers (65.4 per cent) in the debt;

(b) whether farmers in the State are not just using the crop loans for farm related purposes but on a number of other things and ultimately find themselves in a quagmire when they are unable to pay the loans back; and

(c) if so, whether Government have made any investigation to find out the reasons that led to increase in their indebtedness?

#### **Foreign expertise in removing pollutants from water**

\*195. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some foreign countries have offered their expertise in removing pollutants from water bodies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether U.K. has also expressed its willingness to extend help in cleaning of the Ganga and other major rivers in the country; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

#### **HIV infected blood transfusion in Kerala**

†\*196. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a female baby of one and a half year was administered AIDS infected blood at a hospital in Kerala;

(b) if so, whether any one has been held guilty for this act;

(c) if so, the action taken against the accused so far, and the steps being taken for the treatment of the infected baby; and

(d) the measures being taken by Government to avoid recurrence of such incidents?

#### **Rusted machines in Safdarjung Hospital**

\*197. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:

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

(a) whether Government are aware that rusted machines are being used in the Safdarjung Hospital for the treatment of cancer patients;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

#### **Global warming**

\*198. SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS BAL APTE: SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of areas being affected by global warming in the country; and

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(b) the steps being taken to check the phenomenon from getting worst?

**Production of sugarcane**

†\*199. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:  
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR  
PRASAD:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the production of sugarcane is estimated to be more in 2005-06 as compared to 2004-05;

(b) if so, the quantum thereof and whether the production of sugar would also increase thereby; and

(c) if so, the estimates thereof and the average expected price of sugar in the country during 2005-06 as against 2004-05?

**Infrastructure status to FPI sector**

\*200. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to confer the status of infrastructure category for food processing and agri business sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

NEW DELHI;  
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*Phalgun 6, 1927 (Saka)*

YOGENDRA NARAIN,  
*Secretary-General.*

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