

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Friday, the May 3, 2002/Vaisakha 13, 1924 (Saka)*

(Ministries: Agriculture; Chemicals and Fertilizers; Environment and Forests;
Food Processing Industries; Human Resource Development; Ocean
Development; Railways; Science and Technology; Steel; Youth
Affairs and Sports)

Total number of questions—20

Payment of arrears of retired teachers in Bareilly

†*541. SHRI B. P. SINGHAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that teachers retired from Hafiz Siddique Punjabi Government Higher Secondary School, Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh in June 1990, have not been paid their arrears even after a lapse of more than 11 years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) by when these teachers would be paid their arrears; and

(d) the action proposed to be taken against the persons responsible for this criminal apathy and delay?

Corporates in the areas of Chemical fibres;

(b) if so, whether the prospects of collaboration between the two countries are very good;

(c) whether the President, China Chemical Fibres Association has pointed out that there is a potential for information regarding markets between the two countries;

(d) if so, whether any agreement in this regard has been reached between India and China for alliances in chemical technology;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps being taken in this regard?

Indo-Chinese alliance for Chemical fibres

*542. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether China is looking for technological alliances with Indian

Mumbai-Ahmedabad fast train

*543. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to introduce a train between Mumbai and Ahmedabad with the speed of 400 kilometres per hour;

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(b) if so, whether Government have taken any steps in this regard, so far; and

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

Promotion of wrestling and shooting

†*544. SHRI DEVI PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) what efforts are being made by Government to promote the traditional sports of wrestling and shooting; and

(b) what specific facilities are being provided/are proposed to be provided for providing education, employment and financial assistance to the emerging young talents in the above sports, besides imparting better training to them?

Closure of chemical fertilizer units

†*545. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received recommendations for closing down some of the chemical fertilizer producing units;

(b) if so, from whom such recommendations have been received;

(c) the units which are proposed to be closed down as per those recommendations; and

(d) what decision has been taken by Government, so far in this regard?

Damage to wild life by toxic chemicals and pesticides

*546. SHRI C. O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that toxic chemicals and pesticides are causing severe damages to wild life;

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

(c) the measures being taken by Government in this regard?

Pests in imported apples

†*547. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI V. V. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) has submitted a risk-analysis study to the Department of Agriculture, which states that apples imported from China contain pests that are not found in India and can harm Indian apples; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and what action has been taken thereon?

Funds under National River Conservation Programme

*548. DR. (Ms.) P. SELVIE DAS: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of amount released to various States under National River Conservation Programme and other Schemes, since 1998-1999;

(b) whether Karnataka Government has forwarded any proposal for release of funds

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under this Programme, to take up work of Environment Action Plan for Bangalore city; and

(c) if so, the details of the project and the action taken by Government in this regard?

Sale of xeroxed application forms by Kendriya Vidyalaya, Pushp Vihar

*549. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Kendriya Vidyalaya, Pushp Vihar, M.B. Road, New Delhi, has sold a large number of application forms for admission in 2002-2003;

(b) whether it is a fact that the school has sold xerox copies of forms, which is against the applicable rules;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the school put up a Notice Board on 1st April, 2002 on its entrance, saying that there is no vacancy from II to IX classes; and

(d) if so, the reasons for issuing a large number of application forms without offering a single seat from classes II to IX?

Conversion of agricultural land for non-agricultural purposes

*550. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any step to stop large-scale conversion of agricultural land for non-agricultural purposes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the State-wise details of the reclamation of paddy fields for non-agricultural purposes; and

(d) what steps have been taken by Government to deal with the ecological

problem being derived from such conversion?

Fuel from solid wastes

*551. SHRI K. B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Science and Technology has developed the technology to recover fuel from the municipal solid wastes, on a pilot scale;

(b) whether the Technology Information, Forecasting and Assessment Council has identified a suitable industrial partner in Bangalore for the same;

(c) if not, whether Government would take steps to commission, a plant in Bangalore, to process garbage; and

(d) whether the Karnataka Government has sought Central Government's assistance in establishing such commercial-scale plants in that State?

Anti-Snake venom

*552. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is acute shortage of Anti-Snake venom preparation in the country;

(b) if so, what measures are being taken to ameliorate this problem;

(c) whether some regulatory measures by way of control and supervision of experiments on animals are responsible for stoppage of production of Anti-Snake venom; and

(d) if so, how Government are planning to overcome the situation?

Violation of rules by UGC

*553. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-report, captioned "UGC spent Rs. 100 cr. with no records: Gross violation of guidelines set to sanction research project" appearing in the Asian Age dated 11th April, 2002;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the inquiry/action proposed to be initiated against the incidents of irregularities and violation of guidelines highlighted in the report?

Higher yields by gene technology

*554. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that developments in gene technology promise new genetically-based advances, leading to higher yields and better quality;

(b) whether introducing any new technology needs extensive testing and safety regulations, alongwith proper management knowledge and trust; and

(c) if so, what are Government's plans in this regard?

Menace of Deer and Neel Gai in Mehasana

†*555. DR. A. K. PATEL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that population of Deer and Neel Gai is

constantly increasing in Mehasana District of Gujarat, is causing damage to crops in many areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by Government to prevent this menace?

Computerised rail reservation at Sivaganga

*556. SHRIMATI S. G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Sivaganga and other adjacent railway stations in Tamil Nadu do not have computerised reservation centres;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when computerised reservations centres would be provided there?

Recycling of scrap steel

*557. SHRI C. P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planing to set-up a new autonomous body to promote recycling of scrap steel, particularly those generated from ship-breaking;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have drawn guidelines for ensuring quality standard from recycling industry; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Shortage of flat cars

*558. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways were found wanting in providing flat cars to the Army

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for transporting heavy tanks and guns to the borders in the recent past;

(b) whether it was on account of shortage of flat cars with the Railways or there were some other reasons for this;

(c) whether this shortage has been made good; and

(d) if so, what are the other details in this regard?

BIFR time-frame for IISCO's rehabilitation

*559. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether BIFR, in its hearing on 1st April, 2002, has given time to Government upto 30th June, 2002, to submit a tied up rehabilitation scheme for revival of IISCO, failing which BIFR would order winding up of IISCO, without any further hearing; and

(b) if so, the action being taken by Government to adhere to the above time-frame?

Technology mission for horticulture in NER

*560. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA:
SHRI RISHANG KEISHING:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total allocation of funds for Technology Mission on Integrated Development of Horticulture in NER, State-wise;

(b) the nature and the objects of the Technology Mission, and the detailed plan of action for its implementation; and

(c) the target set and the achievements made, year-wise, and the beneficiaries identified, since beginning of the mission?

NEW DELHI;
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Vaisakha 7, 1924 (Saka)

R.C. TRIPATHI,
Secretary-General.

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