

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Wednesday, the August 3, 2005/Sravana 12, 1927 (Saka)*

**(Ministries : Commerce and Industry; Defence; Home Affairs; Non-Conventional Energy Sources; Power; Rural Development; Textiles)**

**Total number of questions —20**

#### **FTA with Thailand**

†\*141. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:  
SHRI JANARDAN  
DWIVEDI:

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

(a) the terms of Free Trade Agreement  
with Thailand;

(b) whether it is also a fact that due to  
heavy reduction in the import duty on 82  
items imported from Thailand, the goods  
of Thailand are cheaper than that of India;

(c) if so, the steps being taken by  
Government to save Indian industry from  
closure; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Producing energy from garbage**

\*142. SHRI R. SHUNMUGA-  
SUNDARAM: Will the Minister of NON-  
CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES  
be pleased to state:

(a) the subsidy given for power projects  
using garbage as raw material;

(b) the other similar projects which get  
subsidy;

(c) the number of units which produce  
energy from garbage commissioned so far  
and the quantum of electricity produced;  
and

(d) the number of more such units likely  
to be established this year?

#### **Declaration of NIFT as deemed university**

\*143. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA:  
Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased  
to state:

(a) whether the National Institute of  
Fashion Technology awards any degree to  
those who complete four years' study  
successfully;

(b) to which university, the above  
Institute is affiliated;

(c) if the Institute is not affiliated to  
any university, what is its academic status  
in awarding degrees and make the degree  
holders employable;

(d) whether Government intend to  
declare NIFT as a deemed university, if so,  
by when the decision would be taken;  
and

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(e) whether the students admitted in NIFT, Gandhinagar, Gujarat, have any residential facility by way of hostels owned by the Ministry of Textiles?

#### **Floods in Madhya Pradesh**

†\*144. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to provide assistance to the farmers affected by devastating floods in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) the extent of loss to agriculture in the State by the floods this year; and

(c) whether Government have provided in full the relief assistance demanded by the State Government for facing this calamity?

#### **Sale of properties of NTC**

\*145. SHRI R. KAMARAJ: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had invited bids for the sale of properties of the National Textiles Corporation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government had received bid for the sale of property of Mumbai Textile Mill of NTC; and

(d) whether Government are considering to use the proceeds of sale of properties of NTC for the revival of other sick NTC Mills?

#### **Supreme Court verdict on IMDT Act**

\*146. SHRI DATTA MEGHE:  
SHRI MANOJ  
BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court of India

has struck down the Illegal Migrants (Determination by Tribunals) Act, 1983 as unconstitutional, holding it responsible for delaying detection and deportation of foreigners in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

#### **Annual turnover in retail market**

†\*147. DR. MURLI MANOHAR  
JOSHI:  
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

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

(a) whether any assessment has been made by Government regarding annual turnover in retail market in country;

(b) if so, the value of annual turnover in the retail market;

(c) the estimates of the value of the business of this market increased on an average during the last three years; and

(d) the status of Indian retail market in comparison with business in retail markets of other countries in the world?

#### **"Bharat Nirman" scheme**

\*148. SHRI R. P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently a detailed programme for the renewal of rural infrastructure, with a massive initial investment of Rs. 1,74,000 crores, under the composite "Bharat Nirman" scheme has been formulated; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the critical areas of rural infrastructure identified for special focus, the time-frame fixed for implementation and the sources of funding decided upon?

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### **Steps to retain pilots of Armed Forces**

\*149. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of pilots of Armed Forces who had quit the service during the last three years, showing the force each had served together with the length of service;

(b) whether it is a fact that more and more pilots are leaving the forces for greener pastures with the MNCs 'outside'; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to check this trend?

### **Reduction of troops on J & K border**

†\*150. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of soldiers have been reduced on the border of Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) whether there is a decline in the cross-border terrorist activities being carried out by Pakistan; and

(c) whether Pakistan have also reduced the number of soldiers on its border and accepted the Indian Line of Control and if so, the details thereof ?

### **Violence against women**

†\*151. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government officials or police personnel too commit violence against women in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to enact stringent laws and amend the present Criminal Procedure Code; and

(c) if so, by when and the reasons for the delay therein?

### **Installation of power plants in the country**

†\*152. DR. CHHATRAPAL SINGH LODHA:  
PROF. R.B.S. VARMA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to install power plants in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount likely to be spent by Government on the installation of the power plants?

### **Framing of long-term policy on exports of raw materials used for making steel**

\*153. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are in the process of framing long-term policy on exports of raw materials used to make steel;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the production of iron ore in the country during the last five years, year-wise?

### **Cultivable land with irrigation facilities**

\*154. SHRI JANARDAN DWIVEDI:  
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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(a) the area of cultivable land with assured irrigation facilities in the beginning of the Ninth and Tenth Five Year Plans and the area of such land without such facilities; and

(b) the area of such land brought under irrigation facilities during 2004-05; each year of the Tenth Plan earlier and the expenditure incurred in regard to and the growth rate registered year to year in this regard?

#### **Export of clothes**

†\*155. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to increase the target of export of clothes during the year 2005-06; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Fall in industrial production**

\*156. SHRIMATI JAMANA DEVI BARUPAL:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

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

(a) whether the Index for industrial production fell to 4.9 per cent during February, 2005 compared to 8.3 per cent registered in February, 2004;

(b) if so, the main reasons for the negative growth in 2005 and the steps Government propose to take to improve the industrial growth during 2005-06; and

(c) to what extent these steps have been able to improve the industrial growth in the country?

#### **Floods in the country**

\*157. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether floods have caused havoc in many States of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the amount of loss caused to each State;

(c) whether Government have provided relief and given grants to overcome the situation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to check floods?

#### **Law to protect witnesses**

\*158. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the absence of a law to protect the rights of victims/witnesses, in many cases, crucial witnesses turn hostile, making the present laws useless;

(b) whether any committee has recommended enactment of a law giving protection to the witnesses;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government have any proposal to bring forth a Bill to protect witnesses' rights?

#### **Appointment of special envoy to deal with naxal violence**

\*159. SHRI S. M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have evolved a proposal to appoint a Special Envoy to deal with different States on naxalite violence;

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(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that this Special Envoy will try to bring diverse factions involved in naxalite violence to the conference table;

(c) the details of the role of Government in evolving a nation-wide formula for talks with various naxalite outfits;

(d) whether it is a fact that Government had also discussed this matter with the Andhra Pradesh Government; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**FTA among Asian countries**

\*160. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any possibility of Free Trade Agreement materialising among Asian countries; if so, the details thereof; and

(b) what is likely to be the impact of this agreement on the automobile industry in the country?

NEW DELHI;  
The 28th July, 2005  

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Sravana 6, 1927 (Saka)

YOGENDRA NARAIN,  
Secretary-General.

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