

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 3, 2001/Agrahayana 12, 1923 (Saka)*

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

Total number of questions—20

Admissions by unapproved medical/ dental colleges

*181. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
Will the Minister of HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government
have not renewed/given permission to some
medical/dental colleges as they are lagging
behind in infrastructure;

(b) whether it is also a fact that such
colleges are still admitting the students; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government
to save the future of aspiring students?

Development of towns in Andhra Pradesh

*182. DR. DASARI NARAYANA
RAO: Will the Minister of URBAN
DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY
ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of medium and small
towns having population upto five lakhs in
Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the details of amount sanctioned and
expenditure incurred by Government during
the last five years for their development,
year-wise; and

(c) the results achieved during the said
period?

Work culture of CPWD

*183. SHRI RAMACHANDRA
KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of URBAN
DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY
ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has
been drawn to the news-item captioned "A
case of shocking apathy", which appeared
in the Hindu, (Delhi), dated the
30th September, 2001;

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

(c) the action taken against the guilty
officers of CPWD; and

(d) the fresh steps taken/proposed to be
taken by Government to improve the work
culture of CPWD?

Hearing by Special Courts for undertrial prisoners

†*184. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the
Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND
COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of undertrial prisoners

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for whom hearing has been held till October, 2001, after the orders for setting up of special courts in jails passed by the Honourable Supreme Court;

(b) the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) whether Government propose to put more efforts in this direction?

Cases pending in various High Courts and Supreme Court

*185. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN:
PROF. R.B.S. VARMA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that huge arrears of cases are pending in various High Courts and the Supreme Court as these cases drag on for years due to unscrupulous laws, floppy and inadequate police investigations;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of cases pending in these courts, the time since pending and the reasons for pendency; and

(c) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to clear the backlog of the cases in the interest of litigants?

Monitoring of AIDS/HIV

*186. SHRI C. RAMACHAND-
RAIAH:
SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT
RAO:

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

(a) how Government monitor the functioning of NGOs working on AIDS/HIV; and

(b) the steps taken to curb the menace of AIDS spreading at alarming speed in Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra?

Basic Minimum Service Programme in Gujarat

*187. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of basic services provided under Basic Minimum Service Programme;

(b) the number of villages in Gujarat where Primary Health Centres have not been opened, so far;

(c) the funds allocated as Additional Central Assistance to Gujarat for the last three years for Basic Minimum Service Programme;

(d) the amount earmarked by State Government and Central assistance for PHCs in Gujarat for the last two years; and

(e) the amount utilised on PHCs?

Tribal belts in Gujarat

*188. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that tribals form 15 per cent of the total population of Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the tribal belts identified in the State, district-wise;

(c) the programmes and schemes being implemented for the development of tribals in the State; and

(d) the funds allocated to the State during the last five years, year-wise and programme-wise?

Bidding Discontent

*189. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Bidding Discontent" which appeared in the Outlook, dated 19th November, 2001;

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

(c) the steps taken, so far, to make the valuation process transparent and acceptable within Government's own agencies?

Release of funds by NSCSTFDC to North-Eastern Region

*190. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the fund released by the National Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation to the North-Eastern States for development of SCs/STs, State-wise; and

(b) the number of applications received from the States of North-Eastern Region for funding the development of SCs/STs in rural areas and number of cases disposed, so far?

Implementation of Family Welfare Schemes in Assam

*191. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Family Welfare Schemes sponsored and implemented in the State of Assam for the benefit of the people of the State; and

(b) the details of agencies which are implementing the schemes in the States?

Expansion of DD network

†*192. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have implemented some schemes over the last years with a view to expanding the range of DD telecasts;

(b) if so, the expenditure incurred on the expansion of Doordarshan during 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 year-wise; and

(c) the extent of population covered in the country by March, 2001?

Exclusion of Escorts Hospital and Research Centre under CGHS

*193. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: SHRI ANIL SHARMA:

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

(a) the reasons for including six hospitals and excluding Escorts Hospital and Research Centre, (EHRC), Faridabad in the revised list *vide* OM No.Rec:24/2001/JD(M)CGHS/DELHI CGHS(P)/1076-99, dated 25th October, 2001;

(b) whether any reaction has been received from EHRC thereon;

(c) the details of the representations received from individuals/organisations/associations for inclusion of EHRC; and

(d) the action taken thereon?

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Scholarship and stipend to ST students

*194. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the difference between a scholarship and a stipend granted to students belonging to scheduled tribe;

(b) who are entitled to receive such scholarships and stipends;

(c) the different rates of scholarships and stipends received by students belonging to scheduled tribe, State-wise, Subject-wise and sex-wise; and

(d) the restrictions and conditions, if any, for granting post-matric scholarship or stipend to a student belonging to scheduled tribe?

Civic ills in the Capital

*195. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether large scale migration is one of the main reasons for all civic ills in the Capital;

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to stop the migration with details thereof; and

(c) the details of the steps being taken by Government to stimulate the civic amenities/capacities to all the residents?

Losses by Mumbai Port Trust

*196. SHRIMATI SARLA MAHESH-WARI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the theft of brake block is a regular phenomenon in Mumbai Port Trust resulting in heavy losses

during the last three years from April 1998 to March 2001;

(b) if so, the quantum of the losses year-wise; and

(c) the immediate and corrective steps being taken to avoid the losses on a permanent basis?

Study on juvenile delinquency

*197. SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM:
DR. KARAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study about juvenile delinquency in different States in the country has been conducted;

(b) if so, the number of cases of juvenile delinquents registered in each State, in 1998-99, 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and the rate of growth of such cases in each State during these years; and

(c) the main reasons for delinquency and how far the same is attributable to drug-peddling?

Threat of biological weapons

*198. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether our already stretched health infrastructure is capable of meeting the anticipated threat of biological weapons like Anthrax etc. in the wake of deteriorating international scenario;

(b) if so, whether any additional facilities are being created for this purpose; and

(c) whether Government would be launching an information campaign for this purpose so that public could know what to do in an emergency and where to go for treatment later?

Confirmation tests for HIV

*199. SHRI ANANTRAY DEV-SHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) which are the tests required to be conducted for confirmation of HIV;
- (b) whether tests for HIV confirmation are different for children less than two years;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether HIV testing machines are available in the Medical Colleges;
- (e) whether these Colleges are authorised to announce the status of an AIDS victim; and
- (f) if so, the number of cases detected till date?

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Reasons for heart diseases

†*200. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Indians are more prone to heart diseases in comparison to those in other countries;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that most of the people consider smoking, high blood pressure, non-vegetarian food and changing life-style as a major factor for the heart diseases; and
- (c) if so, the details of the steps taken by Government to educate people in this regard?

R. C. TRIPATHI,
Secretary-General.

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