

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 4, 2002/Phalguna 13, 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

Increase in leprosy cases

*41. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA:
Will the Minister of HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number
of leprosy cases is increasing alarmingly
in the country;

(b) if so, the details of cases reported
in the past three years, State-wise;

(c) the steps taken for prevention/
eradication of leprosy in the country; and

(d) the details of the amount allocated
and spent for prevention/eradication of
leprosy in the State of Karnataka for the
past three years?

Child mortality rate

*42. SHRI AIMADUDDIN
AHMED KHAN (DURRU):
DR. KARAN SINGH:

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

(a) whether child mortality rate, as
per latest study, is the highest in
Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the comparative figures of
mortality rate in Maharashtra and other
States as per Census 2001;

(c) how the mortality rate has changed
over the decade 1991—2000 and the steps
taken to reduce the (IMR) infant mortality
rate during the period; and

(d) the targets fixed for the Ninth Plan
and the tentative targets for the Tenth Plan?

Fake tribal certificates

*43. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:
Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS
be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many non-
tribals are abusing the reservations by
producing fake ST certificates;

(b) if so, the action taken by his
Ministry to prevent the issuing of fake
tribal certificates;

(c) the details of the cases against those
who abused the reservation provisions,
State-wise; and

(d) how many people have, so far, been
removed from jobs for committing the
crime?

Downsizing of NCRPB

*44. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to downsize the National Capital Region Planning Board (NCRPB) and merge it with his Ministry;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) when was the Board formed, the details of work done in the field of housing, infrastructure development of NCR, employment generation, transport and telecom network indicating amount sanctioned/spent by NCRPB during the last five years; and

(d) whether Government are aware that experts/planners of Delhi feel that Government's decision would not only hamper attempts to keep Capital's population under control but will also prevent urbanisation of its rural pockets?

Disinvestment of PSUs

*45. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the public sector undertakings disinvested, privatized or sold-off during the last three years;

(b) the factors taken into consideration while putting an undertaking for disinvestment or privatization;

(c) the manner in which the amount realized has been utilized by Government and the sectors in which the said amount has been invested or utilized;

(d) the details of undertakings proposed to be disinvested/privatized by

Government in near future or are under consideration of Government; and

(e) the manner in which interests of employees of these undertakings would be safeguarded?

Improvement of National Waterways-II

*46. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the projects for improvement of National Waterways-II during the Ninth Five Year Plan, indicating amount sanctioned, released and utilised, target set and achievement made year-wise; and

(b) the amount allocated for placement of dredgers, number of dredgers placed and the details of dredging activities in National Waterways-II?

Publicity of Government views

*47. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:

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

(a) the policy of Government in regard to publicity of their views through audio-visual media;

(b) whether it is a fact that owing to lack of sponsorship, D.D. News Channel, would be shut down; and

(c) if so, how the views of Government would be publicised to fulfil social responsibility?

Implementation of SC order relating to illegal sex determination tests

*48. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether despite the Supreme Court's orders to confiscate ultrasound machines used to carry out sex determination tests not even a single machine has been impounded in the Capital;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps Government propose to take to ensure implementation of orders of the Supreme Court in letter and spirit; and

(d) the details of hospitals/clinics in the Capital having such machines illegally?

Unauthorised constructions in Government Colonies

*49. MISS FRIDA TOPNO: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of unauthorised constructions by the allottees in various Government colonies like R.K. Puram, Laxmibai Nagar, Sarojini Nagar, Sector-4 of DIZ area of Delhi;

(b) whether it is a fact that unauthorised encroachments are being done in connivance with the officials of Directorate of Estates and CPWD/NDMC;

(c) if so, the reasons for not taking any action in this matter so far; and

(d) the measures Government propose to take to prevent such constructions in Government colonies and the action being taken against the allottees and concerned officials?

Allocation under ISMTD Scheme to States

*50. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA: SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the allocations made under Integrated Small and Medium Town Development (ISMTD) Scheme during 1998-1999, 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002, State and Union Territory-wise;

(b) the number of proposals from each State and Union Territory approved and funds released;

(c) how many towns have been covered under the scheme and the amount spent each year during the last five years; and

(d) whether Government propose to allocate more funds in view of constraints of funds in local bodies?

Non-release of grants to NGOs

*51. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many projects being undertaken by NGOs and duly recommended by State Governments are kept in abeyance due to non-release of funds to them;

(b) if so, the reasons for not releasing funds;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the projects recommended by State Governments are not taken seriously for grants; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Supreme Court Bench in South India

*52. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA
NAHATA:

DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Bar Council
of Andhra Pradesh observed a protest day
on 25th January, 2002, demanding
establishment of a Supreme Court Bench
in South India; and

(b) if so, Government's response in this
regard?

Bhopal gas tragedy after-effects

*53. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will
the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in 17 years since the
Bhopal Gas Tragedy happened it has now
been revealed by a Fact-Finding Mission
that toxic chemicals from the Union
Carbide Factory have spread not only into
soil, water and vegetables but even inside
breast milk;

(b) whether it is a fact that these toxins
are now being passed on from mothers to
their children and have shown a dangerous
pattern of mental health illness specific
to Bhopal survivors; and

(c) if so, the steps Government are
taking to check any such incident in
future?

FDI in Housing Sector

*54. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the
Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT
AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be
pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

are considering 100 per cent FDI in
housing sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the proposal of Government to save
the Indian construction companies in the
housing sector?

New memory enhancing pills

*55. SHRI BHAGATRAM
MANHAR:

SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

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

(a) whether Government have received
proposals from bio-tech companies to
launch new memory enhancing pills in
India;

(b) if so, the details of the proposals
with names of MNCs;

(c) whether trial tests have since been
completed; and

(d) if so, the results of the tests and
the names of the companies who are likely
to get clearance from Government to
launch these pills?

Bids for IBP

*56. SHRI DIPANKAR
MUKHERJEE:

SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA
PANDEY:

Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT
be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention
has been drawn to the news-item
captioned "IOC increases lead in IBP race
with Rs. 1100 cr. bid" and "Tata
Consortium ahead of RIL in VSNL
sweepstakes", which appeared in
Economic Times, dated the 5th February,
2002;

(b) whether bids were therefor known before the Government's decision;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether reserve prices are also open secrets?

Revenue and fiscal deficits of NER States

*57. DR. MANMOHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH-EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the revenue and fiscal deficits of the North-Eastern Region States from 1995-96 to 2000-01;

(b) Government's assessment of the financial position of the North-Eastern States; and

(c) the measures adopted to restore the fiscal health of these States?

Health care centres for mentally challenged persons

*58. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY:
SHRI C. RAMA-
CHANDRAIAH:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that under the provisions of Mental Health Act, 1987, Government have to set-up at least one health care centre for the mentally challenged persons in the States;

(b) the number of centres, so far, set-up in the States; and

(c) whether Government propose to increase their number in view of the deplorable conditions in some private mental asylums?

Pulse Polio Programme

*59. SHRIMATI SARLA MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of funds earmarked and incurred, so far, on the Pulse Polio Programme; and

(b) by when our country is likely to achieve 'Polio Free Status' completely?

Handing over of patients' records to their relatives

*60. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal before his Ministry to bring in any legislation with regard to handing over of patients' records to their relatives or other professionals for scrutiny, if needed;

(b) whether it is a fact that such a legislation has been drafted by his Ministry and forwarded to the Law Ministry for vetting; and

(c) if so, the comments of the Law Ministry?

NEW DELHI;
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R.C. TRIPATHI,
Secretary-General.

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(Ministry-wise)

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