

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Friday, the March 4, 2005/Phalguna 13, 1926 (Saka)*

(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

Setting up of Fisheries Development Board

*61. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to set up Fisheries Development Board for overall development of this sector specially the inland fisheries;

(b) if so, its location and time-frame within which it would be set up;

(c) what is the extent of poaching in our waters by foreign trawlers; and

(d) the action plan of Government to control this menace?

Vaccination and immune system

*62. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA:
Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the vaccination weakens the immune system;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have made any research in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken thereon?

Requirement of wagons for 2005-06

*63. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of wagons required by Railways for 2005-06;

(b) whether orders for these wagons have been placed to the wagon manufacturers and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the orders of wagons could not be executed during 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(e) whether wagon manufacturers want to firm up orders for any fiscal at least 90 days before the beginning of that fiscal year; and

(f) if so, the reasons for late placement of orders and supply of free steel and wheels to builders?

Central legislation on medical admissions

*64. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at present there is no Central legislation regarding medical admissions;

(b) if so, whether Government have any proposal to frame such a law;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Reproductive and Child Health Programme

†*65. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Reproductive and Child Health Programme RCH-I is in operation;

(b) whether Government propose to extend this programme for the coming years;

(c) if so, for how many years it is proposed to be extended; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Stroke due to drugs given for cold

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

(a) whether it is a fact that pills and syrups for cold such as D'Cold, Vicks

Action 500, Actified and Coldarin contain phenyl-propanoamine (PPA), an ingredient that could lead to stroke; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether any study has been conducted by Government on these drugs and if so, the details thereof?

Price control measures on drugs

*67. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN:
DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY:

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

(a) whether the committee set up to examine price control (including trade margin) of drugs have submitted its report;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to restrict profit margin of pharmaceutical companies and also to safeguard the interest of consumers?

Agricultural growth target

†*68. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:
SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that only 1.5 per cent growth has been achieved as against the target of 4 per cent in agriculture;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take for increasing agricultural production?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Safe blood to AIDS patients

*69. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTA-CHARJEE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal under consideration to provide safe and quality blood to the patients under the National AIDS Control Programme;

(b) whether any financial grant has been allocated therefor; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Closing down the unmanned level crossings

*70. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD:
DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of unmanned railway crossings in the country, State-wise and zone-wise;

(b) whether the Railways has planned to close down all unmanned level crossings to prevent accidents for reasons of insufficient traffic;

(c) whether the Railways has sought the consent of the States to enforce this proposal;

(d) whether this proposed move by Railways has been challenged in courts as violative of Articles 14 and 21 of the Constitution; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Construction of FCI godowns

*71. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of financial allocation and

present capacity of godowns of FCI in different parts of the country;

(b) the number of godowns proposed to be constructed in the country during the years 2004-05 and 2005-06, State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

Trial of AIDS vaccine

*72. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that trial of AIDS vaccine is being undertaken at the National AIDS Research Institute in Pune on human volunteers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when the vaccine is expected to become available for public use?

Cancellation of licences of ayurveda drug manufacturers

*73. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA:
SHRIMATI SAVITA
SHARDA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Drug Control Administration of Gujarat has cancelled more than 500 licences of ayurveda drug manufacturers;

(b) if so, its impact on ayurveda drug production, looking at the ever increasing demand;

(c) whether it is a fact that the ayurveda manufacturers are opposing some of the provisions of Schedule T of Drugs and Cosmetics Act of 1940; and

(d) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

Smuggling of sandalwood

*74. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of incidents reported and cases registered in connection with the smuggling of sandalwood, State-wise, category-wise and year-wise together with the number of accused;

(b) whether sandalwood factories, illegally functioning in the Palakkad district of Kerala, were ordered to be closed during 2005;

(c) the action taken in the above cases; and

(d) the steps taken to protect sandalwood forests?

HIV infection during blood transfusion

*75. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in certain cases the ignorance of the doctors results in getting infection with HIV virus during blood transfusion;

(b) the measures adopted by the medical authorities to control spread of HIV virus and issue directions to the concerned Departments; and

(c) if so, the action taken, so far?

Electrification of railway tracks

*76. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have identified tracks for electrification during the next ten years;

(b) if so, the details of the routes identified for electrification;

(c) the annual saving likely to be made by Railways after such electrification; and

(d) the expenditure to be incurred by the Railways on such electrification plan?

Health centres in States

†*77. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed working of health centres running in States in view of their poor performance;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the Central Government are considering to introduce new projects in States;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps being taken for construction of buildings for those health centres in rural areas which are not having their own buildings?

Data Bank on new treatment techniques

†*78. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal for setting up of a "Data Bank" for information regarding new techniques in medical treatment;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when a decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Asian lions in Gir

†*79. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Asian lions in Gir forest in Gujarat;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) whether Government have any plan for the rehabilitation of these lions as well as to increase their number;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government have left some of these lions in the forests of Kunopalpur in the year 1979;

(e) if so, their condition as of now; and

(f) the steps taken by Government to check the declining number of lions in various parts of the country?

Immoral practices by ART clinics

*80. SHRI HARISH RAWAT:
SHRI R.K. ANAND:

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

(a) whether Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART) clinics in India are allowed to use ova, sperm or human embryo of an unknown donor on an infertile woman, without consent of the couple;

(b) if so, whether Government are aware that it may cause many unethical and immoral situations, when brother/sister or father/daughter can marry in future;

(c) whether Government have any proposal of enacting a law on such immoral practices; and

(d) how such practices are proposed to be banned till such time a law is enacted?

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YOGENDRA NARAIN,
Secretary-General.

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