

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Wednesday, the May, 4, 2005/Vaisakha 14, 1927 (Saka)*

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

Total number of questions — 20

Threats to bus passengers from Srinagar to Muzaffarabad

*561. SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND:
SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
be pleased to state:

(a) whether terrorists in Jammu &
Kashmir had threatened to kill the
passengers who booked for the inaugural
bus travel from Srinagar to Muzaffarabad
on 7th April, 2005;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether identity of the passengers
for the inaugural bus journey from Srinagar
were leaked out to terrorists in advance;

(d) whether his Pakistani counterpart
has been urged upon to investigate into the
source of leakage at his end;

(e) if so, response from Pakistan thereto;

(f) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(g) the measures taken, if any, to ensure
pre-journey confidentiality of passengers?

Study to know the root cause of naxalite problem

*562. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR
SANGHI: Will the Minister of HOME
AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have ordered
any comprehensive and exhaustive study
to know the root cause of naxalite problem
and how to resolve it permanently;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Communal violence in Kerala

*563. SHRI N.K. PREMA-
CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of
HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any instances of communal
riots or violence, flare-ups have been
reported from Kerala during the previous
successive three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the loss
sustained to life and properties thereto;

(c) whether the Government of Kerala
extended financial assistance as
compensation towards the loss, and if so,
the details thereof;

(d) whether any Central team visited these problem areas if so, their specific remarks if any, in the matter; and

(e) whether Government propose to introduce any legislation to curb the communal violence?

Misappropriation of funds for disaster rehabilitation by private institutions

†*564. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:
SHRI DATTA MEGHE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received several complaints regarding misappropriation of the funds raised by the private institutions for relief and rehabilitation work after natural or man-made disasters;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have formulated any scheme to check the misappropriation of the collected amount; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Financial assistance for craftsmen and weavers

†*565. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government have fixed any target for providing financial assistance under the self-employment credit card scheme for craftsmen and weavers;

(b) if so, the number of craftsmen and weavers benefited so far under this scheme; and

(c) the year-wise and State-wise details thereof?

Educated unemployed youths in rural areas

†*566. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the number of educated unemployed youths in rural areas in the country is increasing;

(b) if so, whether Government proposed to introduce any new scheme for regular employment in rural areas in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Special status for providing loan under APDRP

†*567. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of India have accorded special status to some of the backward States in Order to provide grant and loan under Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP), if so, the names of the above States;

(b) the criterion for according the special status to the States;

(c) whether Government also propose to accord special status to Rajasthan being the border and drought affected State like other States; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Amount sanctioned for RGRES

†*568. SHRI LEKHRAJ BACHANI:
PROF. R.B.S. VARMA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to start the Rajiv Gandhi Rural Electrification Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount sanctioned by Government for this scheme; and

(d) the number of villages targeted to be electrified under this scheme during the year 2005-06?

Assistance for export of poultry and dairy products

*569. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government is extending/propose to extend any assistance for export of poultry and dairy products from Namakkal and Salem districts of Tamil Nadu which have great potentiality for export of these products;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not the reasons therefor?

Mega Status to power projects

*570. MS PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to grant mega status to power projects of 250 MW capacity instead of 1000 MW;

(b) if so, the additional benefits that would accrue to the new plants once given Mega status;

(c) whether this would be applicable both to the thermal and hydro power plants;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of power plants located in Orissa that would be granted Mega Status?

Steps to boost textile exports

*571. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR:
Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India's textile and clothing exports fell by 7.6 per cent to \$1.07 billion in January, 2005;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to boost the textile exports in the light of termination of export quotas?

Taxation on software exports under ASIDE

*572. DR. VIJAY MALLYA:
SHRI LALIT SURI:

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

(a) whether there is any proposal to include Software exports from Karnataka in the Central Scheme "Assistance to States for Infrastructure development for Exports" (ASIDE);

(b) whether it is a fact that the State Government of Karnataka had submitted a proposal seeking 2 per cent taxation of software exports to increase the State's revenue; and

(c) whether Government are considering exports of software from Karnataka while fixing the interstate allocation?

Collection of crime data from States

*573. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government

collects information data from State Governments on the cases of abduction, kidnapping, murders and communal clashes etc. periodically;

(b) if so, whether any such data has been collected from Punjab where such cases have increased in the recent past;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Sale of spurious cement

†*574. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether spurious cement is being sold in the market because of the non-inspection of quality of the product of the factories under public sector and private sector for the last many years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that spurious cement is openly being sold even in Delhi too; and

(d) if so, the number of factories situated in Delhi and in adjacent states and how their quality check is being conducted and the arrangements being made to check the sale of spurious cement?

Crimes against women and children

*575. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what measures Government are taking to tackle the crime against innocent children and women at the national level; and

(b) whether Government have any plan to handle the ever rising crime graph in States like U.P., Bihar, West Bengal and Delhi?

Setting up of trade barriers by India

*576. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

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

(a) whether US has charged India of setting up trade barriers that harm American manufacturers and farmers;

(b) if so, whether they have pointed out that the country followed anti competitive trade practices and that its tariffs remained remarkably high;

(c) if so, whether India has considered the report made by the US on India;

(d) if so, what are the main points mentioned in the report; and

(e) what is the reaction of the Indian Government?

Multi-purpose National Identity Cards

*577. SHRI ABANI ROY: SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 25 given in the Rajya Sabha on 2nd March, 2005 and state:

(a) what are the names of the agencies given the project of MNICs with rates of each card and the amount earmarked;

(b) whether Government would consider giving subsidy to the State Government for preparing MNICs, and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these cards are likely to be in addition to voters Identity Cards and if so, the reasons for this duplicacy and additional expenses; and

(d) by when they are likely to be put in place?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Security of women and children by
Delhi Police**

*578. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that he has directed Delhi Police to pay more attention to the security of women and children in the Capital;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Delhi Police as desired by him for the security of women and children; and

(c) the details of cases registered for causing harm to women and children in Delhi and how many of these cases are still unsolved together with reasons therefor?

**Enhancement of bilateral trade and
investment with Chile**

*579. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during his recent visit the Chilean President has asked for enhancement of bilateral trade and investment with our country;

(b) if so, the details of the interest shown by him;

(c) whether the Chilean delegation has signed some bilateral trade agreements with our country to limit the scope of tariff barriers to boost trade; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Villages/Dhanis connecting with all-
weather roads under PMGSY**

†*580. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Villages/Dhanis having a population of 1000 and more have been linked up with the all-weather roads under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana in the year 2003, as per the target set in the programme; and

(b) whether the villages/dhanis having a population of 500 and more (for the desert and tribal areas 250 and more) would be linked up with all-weather roads by the year 2007, if not, the reasons therefor and the details thereof?

NEW DELHI;
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YOGENDRA NARAIN,
Secretary-General.

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