

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Monday, the August 4, 2003/Sravana 13, 1925 (Saka)*

(Ministries: Commerce and Industry; Health and Family Welfare; Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises; Information and Broadcasting; Law and Justice; Parliamentary Affairs; Shipping; Social Justice and Empowerment; Tribal Affairs; Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation)

Total number of questions—20

Rejection of food consignments

*201. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that United States and European Union have rejected large consignments of Indian food products;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action being taken by Government in this regard?

SC's observations on the Representation of the People Act

*202. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE:
SHRIN. K. PREMACHANDRAN:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that some time back the Supreme Court of India has declared Section 33-B of the Representation of the People Act as unconstitutional;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have submitted/decided to submit a review petition in the matter to the court;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the other steps being taken to hasten the process of electoral reforms?

Employment in projects of foreign companies

†*203. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the foreign companies implementing their construction projects in the country are to employ local experts and skilled workers;

(b) whether foreign experts and skilled workmen are brought from abroad as per the conditions laid down by the World Trade Organisation whereas there is no dearth of experts and skilled workmen in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Pilferage of medicines

†*204. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that medicines supplied for different hospitals were seized during a raid conducted on the 9th June, 2003 by the Drugs Control Department, Delhi and the Bureau of Economic Offences;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of employees of hospitals and chemists involved in this racket and the hospitals to which they belong to;

(d) the action taken by Government against the culprits; and

(e) the arrangements made by Government to check recurrence of such incidents in future?

Health for all by 2000

*205. SHRIMATI SHABANA AZMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had a plan for Health for All by 2000;

(b) the extent to which Government have implemented the plan so far;

(c) whether it is a fact that despite the plan 1000 Indians die every day of tuberculosis and other diseases; if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) the amount provided to the States in achieving this plan and the steps taken to implement this plan so far;

(e) whether there is continuous shortage of doctors and nurses in the country; and

(f) if so, the extent of shortage of doctors at present and the steps Government propose to take to improve the position?

Broadcasting Policy

*206. DR. A.R. KIDWAI:
SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMAD
KHAN (DURRU):

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

(a) whether Government have decided to formulate a comprehensive Broadcasting Policy in view of the massive expansion of satellite television and private FM radio;

(b) whether a meeting was convened by his Ministry recently with the broadcasters to know their views;

(c) if so, whether the draft policy prepared by his Ministry was also discussed;

(d) if so, the views expressed by the broadcasters; and

(e) by when the Broadcasting Policy is likely to be announced?

Conversion of residential property

*207. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:
DR. AKHILESH DAS:

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

(a) whether Government have decided to restart the scheme for converting the residential property from leasehold to freehold in the capital;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme especially with respect to sub-leasees of DDA plots and flats, held through the cooperative housing societies; and

(c) the number of applications received and those disposed so far?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Ban on advertisements of liquor and tobacco products on TV

*208. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:
Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a ban on advertisements of liquor and tobacco products on TV channels;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some manufacturers of liquor are advertising their brands showing their subsidiary products of the same name; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take to stop advertising liquor brands to discourage consumption of liquor and tobacco?

FDI inflow

*209. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
DR. M.N. DAS:

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

(a) whether Government have adopted global norms for compiling FDI inflows; if so, the details in this regard;

(b) whether Government are considering any proposal to bring FDI data reporting system into alignment with international best practices;

(c) if so, what was the FDI inflow target set for the years 2000-01, 2001-02 and 2002-03;

(d) whether it is a fact that US Companies are losing interest in investment in the country and India's aggregate FDI inflow has shrunk substantially;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the efforts being made to improve the FDI approvals in regard to US?

Capitation fee in Medical Colleges

*210. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that certain Medical Colleges in Maharashtra, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu have been charging very high capitation fee from the students seeking admission;

(b) if so, whether Government have made any enquiry to ascertain the factual position in this regard; and

(c) the action Government have taken against the management of such Medical Colleges for violation of Supreme Court judgement in this regard?

Meat export

†*211. SHRI ISAM SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of meat exported every year; and

(b) the amount of foreign currency being earned as a result thereof?

Chickenpox cases in Delhi

*212. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of chickenpox are on the rise and are being reported daily at Infectious Diseases Hospital (IDH) in NCT of Delhi;

(b) if so, the number of cases of chickenpox reported at IDH during the last one year, month-wise; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to prevent the spread of this dreaded disease in Delhi?

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Expansion of automobile industry

†*213. SHRI LAJPAT RAI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH
'LALAN':

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the assessment Government have made regarding the pace of development and expansion of the industry related to manufacture of automobiles in the country during the last five years; and

(b) the production of cars in the country during the years 2000-01, 2001-02 and 2002-03, separately, and the details of the export made during each year of the said period?

Monkey disease

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

(a) whether it is a fact that during the summer scourge of Malnad region in Karnataka, the Kyasanur Forest Disease (KFD) or Monkey disease has claimed 10 lives and left 253 people ill;

(b) if so, the number of the affected people during the past three years;

(c) the steps taken by Government for prevention of this disease and amount spent so far during the past five years; and

(d) whether any special grant is proposed to be provided for eradication of this disease and if so, the details thereof?

Primary Health Centres in Assam

*215. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allotted to Assam for setting up of Primary Health Centres during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the number of health Centres opened so far and the expenditure incurred thereon, year-wise; and

(c) the funds proposed to be given in the current financial year?

New scheme for population control

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

(a) whether Government propose to introduce any new schemes to control population growth keeping in view that the country has registered an increase in population of around Eighteen crores during the last one decade;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the funds Government propose to allocate for the purpose?

Guidelines for shooting of foreign feature films

*217. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:
SHRI B. J. PANDA:

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

(a) whether Government have liberalised the guidelines for shooting foreign feature

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films and co-productions in the country as part of its endeavour to turn India into an entertainment hub;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these liberalised guidelines have been accepted by the foreign film producers;

(d) if so, to what extent they have welcomed this move; and

(e) by when they are likely to be given permission to shoot foreign films in the country?

AIDS vaccine

*218. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY
SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA
RAO:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Scientists at the National AIDS Research Centre have recently begun test trials of India's first AIDS vaccine—modified vaccinia Ankara—to counter the strains of HIV sub-type 'C';

(b) by when the trials on human beings are expected to take place;

(c) whether the trials that have been conducted on animals were successful; and

(d) whether permission from the Drug Controller General of India has been obtained to get set for phase one of the human trials?

NEW DELHI;
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Reimbursement of medical claims

*219. SHRI R. S. GAVAI:
SHRI JANARDHANA
POOJARY:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of medical reimbursement claims of the Government employees and pensioners under the CGHS pertaining to the last financial year are pending;

(b) the number of claims and the amount unpaid, State-wise;

(c) by when these claims would be settled;

(d) the minimum time taken by Government to settle the claims;

(e) whether Government propose to modify or hasten the process of reimbursement; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Mysterious illness affecting children

*220. SHRI EKANATH K.
THAKUR:
SHRI R. P. GOENKA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that experts are clueless on the mysterious illness that has killed 87 children in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the efforts made by Government to investigate the cause of the illness;

(c) the details of other States affected by this disease; and

(d) the assistance provided to affected States?

YOGENDRA NARAIN,
Secretary-General.

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