

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Wednesday, the March 5, 2003/Phalguna 14, 1924 (Saka)*

(Ministries : Coal; Defence; Home Affairs; Mines; Non-Conventional Energy
Sources; Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Power;
Rural Development; Textiles)

Total number of questions—20

Visa-rackets

*201. SHRI SURENDRA LATH:
PROF. M. SANKARA-
LINGAM:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware of the increasing visa-rackets in the country;
- (b) if so, the places where such visa-rackets are taking place; and
- (c) the action taken to curb them?

Installation of computers in police stations in Delhi

*202. SHRIMATI N. P. DURGA:
SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA
SEKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Delhi Police propose to install computers at certain police stations to ensure early availability of data which can help in expeditious investigation of cases;
- (b) if so, the number of police stations where computers have been or are proposed to be installed; and

(c) by when computers will be in place at all the police stations?

Inclusion of regional language in the Eighth Schedule of Constitution

*203. SHRI JANARDHANA
POOJARY: Will the Minister of HOME
AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) what is the criteria for inclusion of a regional language in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution of India;
- (b) Whether there was demand for inclusion of 'Tulu' language in the Eighth Schedule, considering its rich cultural and historical value and for the fact that it is spoken by a vast number of people in Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and even to some extent in Delhi; and
- (c) if so, the details in this regard and reaction of Government thereto?

Child abuse

*204. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:
SHRI BHAGATRAM MAN-
HAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the problem

of child abuse, particularly sexual abuse is rampant in India;

(b) if so, what are the details of the crimes of child abuse reported during the last one year in various States/UTs;

(c) whether it is also a fact that first report of the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Child (CRC) observed that India lacked separate legislation to deal with such cases; and

(d) if so, what steps Government propose to take after going through the report of CRC?

Surveillance stations of Indian Coast Guard

*205. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up more stations for surveillance by Indian Coast Guard along the coasts;

(b) if so, the number of such stations and the names of the States where these stations are to be set up; and

(c) the funds allocated for this project and the likely date of its implementation?

Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana

*206. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the system of sanctioning new road projects under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana to States;

(b) how many such projects have been sanctioned for Maharashtra (Marathwada and Vidarbha separately) during the current financial year alongwith details of their budgetary support, targets fixed and

whether monitoring of such targets is done; and

(c) if so, whether these targets are being achieved and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

Roads constructed under PMGSY in Himachal Pradesh

*207. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allotted so far to Himachal Pradesh under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana;

(b) details of utilisation of funds by the State Government, district-wise; and

(c) details of roads constructed, district-wise and panchayat-wise, under the scheme?

Criminals escaping abroad after committing crime

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

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of people after committing crimes in India during the last three years have escaped abroad;

(b) if so, the total number thereof and the countries they are hiding in;

(c) whether Government have contacted the Governments of those countries for their extradition and for trying them in the court; and

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(d) if so, the countries which have been contacted in this regard?

Computerisation of land records

*209. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to accelerate the process of digitisation and computerisation of land records in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the new computerisation programme would help the farmers to establish land ownership, to record succession of ownership and to maintain crop details and obtain bank loans?

Charge for power from agricultural consumers

*210. DR. AKHILESH DAS:
SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU):

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the Chief Ministers had agreed in March, 2002, to charge at least 50 paise per unit of power from agricultural consumers;

(b) if so, in what context such a decision was taken at the Chief Ministers meet;

(c) whether some of the States failed to comply with the said agreement; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons advanced by these States therefor?

Ratio between armed forces and civilians

†*211. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that every Jawan

of each wing of armed forces has the responsibility of protecting 863 civilians;

(b) if not, the facts in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the ratio between the number of Jawans of armed forces and number of civilians is more in India as compared to that existing in other countries of the world; and

(d) if not, the facts in this regard?

Visit of officers of Power Grid Corporation of India to China

*212. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR:
SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a delegation from Power Grid Corporation of India visited China recently on a fact finding mission;

(b) whether the delegation studied the Chinese version of power grid management putting more emphasis on regional/provincial grid networks in contrast to Indian system of creation of a national grid; if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) whether the Power Grid Corporation has initiated work on improvement of load dispatch/communication systems through advanced energy management systems?

Security in Central Government Offices

*213. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY:
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to improve security in Central Government Offices;

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(b) whether Government consider the introduction of Finger Print Punching Cards will be of much help; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to introduce the system?

Foreign investment in hydro-based electricity project in J&K

*214. SHRI T. S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal for promoting foreign investment in hydro-based electricity projects in Jammu and Kashmir to tide over the power crisis; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana

†*215. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages proposed to be linked by roads under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana in various States during 2003-2004;

(b) whether some of the States particularly States in hilly regions and tribal areas have requested for review of norms set for identification of villages proposed to be linked under the said scheme; and

(c) if so, the details of decisions taken by the Government in this regard?

Fire at Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata

*216. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that probe has

been conducted into the cause of fire that had occurred on 5th November, 2002 at Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata;

(b) if so, what has been found to have caused the fire;

(c) whether it is a fact that GRSE's ship design centre, computer network and other sensitive departments have been devastated by the fire; and

(d) the steps taken to ensure foolproof security, particularly of establishments engaged in research, design and other sensitive works, related to defence projects, against fire and other devastations and or sabotage, in future?

Redressal of grievances

*217. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cases of public grievances being handled by the Department are, at present, not being monitored and followed up as a result of which hardly any grievances are redressed;

(b) the number of cases handled by the Department during the last five years, year-wise and the number thereof during each year where appropriate result was achieved;

(c) the number of cases undecided by the respective Departments/agencies (i) for over six months, (ii) for over one year, and (iii) for over two years; and

(d) action initiated by the Department against those responsible for delay in redressing the grievances?

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ISI network in various cities

*218. SHRI B.P. SINGHAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Saharanpur, Meerut and Muzaffarnagar in Uttar Pradesh and Surat and Ahmedabad in Gujarat are targets of ISI network;

(b) the details of the action taken by Government to check such activities; and

(c) the number of persons nabbed from these places during the last three years?

Violation of human rights and custodial deaths

*219. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether incidents of human rights violations and custodial deaths are on rise involving police/prison personnel;

(b) whether Government have taken any

initiative to frame a Model Prison Manual and to humanise the prison administration;

(c) what is the status of implementation of the recommendations of Justice V R Krishna Iyer Committee on Women prisoners; and

(d) whether NGOs are increasingly engaged in the corrective administration of prison inmates especially women?

Incidents of bomb blasts in Mumbai

*220. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of incidents of Bomb blasts took place in Mumbai in last six months;

(b) if so, the details of the blasts and the suspects arrested in this regard;

(c) whether Mumbai Police has found any organisation responsible for these blasts during primary investigations; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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