

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Monday, the May 5, 2003/Vaisakha 15, 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

Health schemes in Rajasthan

*601. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the on-going family welfare and rural health schemes in Rajasthan with Central assistance;
- (b) whether any scheme is being run with foreign assistance; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Upgradation of Doordarshan Kendra in Karnataka

*602. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Doordarshan Kendra in Karnataka which have been upgraded or expanded during the years 2001-02 and 2002-03; and
- (b) the Doordarshan Kendra in Karnataka identified for upgradation and expansion during the year 2003-04?

EU standards on import of food products

*603. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the sanitary and phytosanitary standards imposed by the European Union (EU) on import of food products from India are going to continue in future; and
- (b) if so, the steps Government are taking to institutionalise these standards?

Health care cost

*604. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the escalating health care cost is causing indebtedness among rural poor;
- (b) if so, the magnitude of increase in the health care cost during the last decade; and
- (c) how Government propose to ensure that the poorer segments of the population are able to access health services required by them at reasonable cost?

Demand of tobacco growers of Andhra Pradesh

***605. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:**
Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a delegation of tobacco growers of Andhra Pradesh met him on 12th March, 2003 and requested Government to come forward to help the growers who are in a hopeless condition;

(b) if so, the main demands raised by the delegation; and

(c) Government's response to their demands?

Steps to boost tyre export

***606. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:**
Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that tyre industry has acquired substantial market abroad and export of tyres has grown substantially;

(b) if so, the details of export of tyres during the last three years and the countries which imported Indian tyres; and

(c) the steps being taken to further boost export of tyres?

Facilities to unregistered tobacco growers of Karnataka

***607. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN:**
Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have agreed recently to consider the demand for extending facilities for crop loans, fertilizers, pesticides, etc. to the unregistered tobacco growers of Karnataka and for giving more representation to Karnataka tobacco growers on the Tobacco Board; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard?

Action plan for the broadcasting sector

***608. SHRIMATI SHABANA AZMI:**
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

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

(a) whether Government have set up a working group with representatives of Ministry of Finance, the Administrative Ministry, State Governments, financial institutions and the industry to work out an action plan for the broadcasting sector;

(b) if so, what will be the main functions of this group;

(c) whether they have made any recommendations;

(d) if so, whether Government have accepted the recommendations of this group;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) by when they are likely to be implemented?

Role of small and medium industries in the economy

†*609. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI KAPIL SJBAL:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the small and medium scale industries play an important role in the development of the economy of the country;

(b) if so, the average share of the above industries to GDP assessed in Japan, America, England, France, China, etc. *vis-a-vis* Gross Domestic Products; and

(c) the average share of the above industries to GDP in India and the percentage of total number of workers engaged in this sector in the country and also in Japan, America, France, England and China?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Initiatives to double the exports by 2007

*610. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

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

(a) whether the sharp recovery on the export front with cumulative export growth of 20.36 per cent in the first three quarters of the current fiscal year has provided Government with an option to go for innovative policy initiatives to double the exports by 2007 to a level of over \$80 billion;

(b) if so, whether the recent war on Iraq has had an impact on the exports;

(c) if so, whether Government have announced duty-free import facility for service providers; and

(d) if so, to what extent this will improve the export position?

Cancer Insurance Scheme

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

(a) whether Government are aware that the treatment of cancer is so expensive that it is not possible for everyone to get the treatment;

(b) if so, whether in view of this fact Government have any proposal to introduce Cancer Insurance Scheme through Regional Cancer Centres; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Ambulances in PHCs

†*612. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of PHCs in U.P., Bihar, Jharkhand, M.P., Chhattisgarh and Rajasthan provided with ambulance; and

(b) by when all the PHCs of the said States are likely to be provided with ambulance alongwith details thereof, State-wise?

Advertisements of tobacco products

*613. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there are many print media advertisements published in daily newspapers and magazines for promoting cigarettes, tobacco and pan masala;

(b) if so, efforts Government have made to stop such advertisements; and

(c) whether Government propose to impose penalties on manufacturing companies as well as print media companies to counter this?

WHO survey on smoking in films

*614. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the recent World Health Organisation (WHO) survey on about 400 Hindi, Tamil and Telugu films revealed that instances of smoking in films have gone up from 22 per cent to 53 per cent in the last ten years i.e. from 1991 to 2002;

(b) if so, the details of the survey; and

(c) the steps Government are taking to reduce smoking habit in the country?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Setting up of Cobalt Therapy Units in Andhra Pradesh

*615. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central financial assistance has been provided to Government institutions and Non-Governmental Organisations in Andhra Pradesh for setting up Cobalt Therapy Units for treatment of cancer in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last three years, year-wise and institution-wise; and

(c) the total number of Government and Non-Governmental Organisations in the State having Cobalt Therapy Units at present?

Strengthening of urban local bodies in Gujarat

*616. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken steps for strengthening urban local bodies in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the funds released to the urban local bodies of the State during the last three years, year-wise and local body-wise; and

(d) the results achieved therefrom?

Proposal to link AIR, Bikaner Station with 'C' Band transmission system

*617. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to link AIR Station, Bikaner with 'C' Band transmission system and to provide satellite digital signals to improve the reception quality;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of fund allocated therefor; and

(d) by when the project is likely to be completed?

National Drug Authority

*618. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to form the National Drug Authority (NDA) as a centralized establishment with inclusive powers of drug regulation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Mashelkar Panel has recommended the setting up of this authority for drug regulation revamp; and

(d) if so, the main recommendations of the panel?

Funds to NGOs for AIDS control in Andhra Pradesh

*619. SHRI S.M. LAL JAN BASHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that crores of rupees were released to diverse NGOs to

help control AIDS in Andhra Pradesh in the last two years;

(b) if so, the names of all such NGOs including the towns where they are based in Andhra Pradesh who got any kind of financial assistance from Government in the years 2001-02 and 2002-03;

(c) whether it is also a fact that such NGOs made frivolous and wasteful expenditure in the name of AIDS control;

(d) the reasons for Government giving money liberally to NGOs which are not useful; and

(e) the steps proposed to totally review such funding?

Installation of TV transmitters in Orissa

*620. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal has been received for installation of eighteen more low power TV transmitters in Orissa and upgradation of TV transmitters at Sambalpur, Rourkela and Berhampore;

(b) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to install required number of transmitters in Orissa in order to ensure 100 per cent coverage of State population?

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YOGENDRA NARAIN,
Secretary-General.

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