

## RAJYA SABHA

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### List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Thursday, the May 5, 2005/Vaisakha 15, 1927 (Saka)*

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(Ministries: Prime Minister; Agro and Rural Industries; Atomic Energy; Coal; Communications and Information Technology; External Affairs; Labour and Employment; Ocean Development; Overseas Indian Affairs; Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Planning; Science and Technology; Shipping, Road Transport and Highways; Small Scale Industries; Space; Statistics and Programme Implementation; Youth Affairs and Sports)

Total number of questions —20

#### **Cheating by authorised PCO booth owners**

\*581. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a large number of authorised PCO booth owners in Delhi are cheating the PCO users for local calls by manipulating the timing device;

(b) if so, whether any surprise checks are conducted to ensure that PCO owners do not indulge in such irregularities; and

(c) if so, in what manner and if not, why?

#### **Opening of post office in Sant Nagar, Delhi**

\*582. SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS BALAPTE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the residents of Sant Nagar, Delhi-84, which is a densely

populated colony, are demanding since long opening of a Departmental Sub Post Office;

(b) if so, the reasons for not taking steps to open a Departmental Sub Post Office to cater to the needs of the people of said area; and

(c) by when the demand would be met?

#### **Exploration of Space**

\*583. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what new projects are being planned for the exploration of Space during the next three years;

(b) whether there is any project to send a man to Space, if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government are satisfied with the progress made by Indian Scientists in the field of Space exploration and technology; and

(d) if so, the progress made to justify the money spent in this field?

### **Setting up of Electronic Telephone Exchanges in Tamil Nadu**

\*584. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of electronic telephone exchanges set up in Tamil Nadu during the last three years;

(b) the details of the electronic telephone exchanges proposed to be set up during 2005-06; and

(c) the details of the other steps being taken to improve the communication facility in Tamil Nadu?

### **Basic infrastructure in core sector**

†\*585. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that sectors considered to be backbone of our economy are lacking in basic infrastructure;

(b) whether it is also a fact that its main reason is the non-formulation of long-term policy with regard to construction of basic infrastructure;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the position of the country in comparison to China with regard to development of basic infrastructure of international standard in the above sector?

### **Loans given by KVIC**

\*586. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that KVIC continued to release rebate claim and extend financial assistance to the tune of about Rs. 4 crores as loan to institutions in violation of its own rules; and

(b) the steps taken by Government for the protection of artisans rights?

### **Bonded labourers**

\*587. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that still a large number of people are engaged as bonded labourers in various sectors in the country;

(b) whether any data on bonded labourers is available with Government;

(c) if so, details thereof;

(d) if not, the number of bonded labourers saved by Government during the last three years; and

(e) the efforts taken by Government to abolish the bonded labour system?

### **Agricultural labourers**

\*588. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a study has been done on the increasing unemployment of agricultural labourers in non-seasonal periods;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by Government to utilise such labour in non-agricultural areas?

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**Minimum wages to beedi workers**

\*589. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government monitors in every State the mandatory condition of paying minimum wages to beedi workers in the country and compulsory deduction thereof for deposit in their Provident Fund Scheme;

(b) if so, the details of checks exercised, so far;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government monitors compulsory payment of minimum wages and compulsory deductions towards Provident Fund Scheme in respect of beedi workers who in large numbers work in their residence outside beedi factories;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Communication facilities in Orissa**

\*590. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

SHRI B. J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to speed up communication facilities in the villages;

(b) if so, the details of their action plan and the time-frame within which all the villages in the country would be covered under this scheme; and

(c) what is the status of Orissa State in development of communication facilities?

**QoS parameters for telecom operators**

\*591. SHRIMATI PREMA

CARIAPPA:  
SHRIMATI KAMLA  
MANHAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether TRAI had laid down parameters of Quality of Services (QoS) for telecom operators;

(b) if so, what are the QoS for Mobile, GSM and CDMA Technologies separately;

(c) whether according to feedback received by TRAI, wireline or wireless offers better QoS to customers; and

(d) whether BSNL and MTNL are not meeting the QoS parameters for fixed line phone service and if so, the reasons therefor?

**Review of Central Schemes**

\*592. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any national review was undertaken on the performance/implementation of Central Schemes/Programmes;

(b) if so, the details thereof including findings thereof and the steps being taken/proposed to be taken thereon;

(c) whether it is fact that most of the developmental/welfare schemes were unable to reach the target beneficiaries due to embezzlement in the middle; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps proposed to be taken thereon?

### **Issuance of passports**

\*593. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of passports issued by different passport offices in the country during the last three years, year-wise/passport office-wise;

(b) the details of the applications pending in these offices for issuance of passport during the last six months, State-wise/passport office-wise; and

(c) the necessary steps being taken by Government in this respect?

### **Promotion of cheaper and affordable phones**

\*594. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that TRAI has brought out some changes whereby Basic Operators Licences were converted into Universal Access Service Licences (USAL) on payment of fee prescribed on certain parameters;

(b) if so, the names of access providers who have got their USAL converted and their charges after conversion;

(c) if so, how many fixed phones, both wireline and wireless have been added in India with the names of access providers after conversion to USAL; and

(d) what are the reasons that BSNL is investing only in mobile phones and are not promoting cheaper and affordable phones like fixed line/wireless phones?

### **Employment opportunities in comparison to SAARC countries**

\*595. SHRI C. RAMACHAND-RAIAH:  
SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any study to find out the reasons for increasing unemployment in the country inspite of having good basic and technical education;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether India is lacking behind in the field of providing employment as compared to SAARC countries; and

(d) if so, what steps are being taken in this regard?

### **Scheme to promote SSI**

†\*596. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are going to formulate any scheme to promote small scale industries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount likely to be spent by Government on the above scheme?

### **Balance dues of CPSUs**

\*597. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that statutory dues of only 26 Central Public Sector Undertakings (CPSUs) have so far been cleared till March, 2003;

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(b) the time-frame to clear the balance dues; and

(c) the CPSU wise list as on 31st March, 2003 and the statutory dues outstanding?

#### **Revision of royalty on Coal**

†\*598. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any provision for the revision of royalty on coal after every three years;

(b) if so, when the royalty on coal was revised; and

(c) by when Government would review the royalty on coal?

#### **Issue of China-Bangladesh nuclear ties**

\*599. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR:  
SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India did not raise the issue of China-Bangladesh nuclear

ties with the Chinese Prime Minister Wen Jiabao during his visit to India, recently; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

#### **Guiding principles between India and China**

\*600. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and China have clinched a set of 'guiding principles' on how to address their border dispute following a meeting between special representatives of China and India;

(b) whether China has presented a newly printed official map that shows Sikkim as part of India;

(c) if so, whether India has accepted this new map and whether China still claims Arunachal as their own territory; and

(d) if so, whether any border issue has been finalized during the Prime Minister of China's visit to India?

NEW DELHI;  
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*Vaisakha 9, 1927 (Saka)*

YOGENDRA NARAIN,  
*Secretary-General.*

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<b>Youth Affairs and Sports</b>	% —