

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Monday, the July 5, 2004/Asadha 14, 1926 (Saka)*

(Ministries: Commerce and Industry; Culture; Development of North-Eastern Region; Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises; Human Resource Development; Information and Broadcasting; Law and Justice; Parliamentary Affairs; Social Justice and Empowerment; Tribal Affairs; Urban Development; Urban Employment and Poverty Alleviation.)

Total number of questions—20

Changes in text books

*1. SHRIMANOJBHATTACHARYA:
Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be
pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of
the large scale changes made by the NCERT
in the various text books prescribed for the
school students;

(b) if so, the details thereof and
Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken
to correct these changes, if warranted, so
as to ensure the factual accuracy and
objectivity of such books?

India on priority watch list over IPRs

*2. SHRI MOOLCHAND
MEENA:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether United States has once again
put India on the priority watch list of its

301 provision of the trade laws over
inadequate protection of intellectual
property rights;

(b) whether amendments in the Indian
Patent laws which became effective from
May, 2003 have been considered inadequate
by the U.S.; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the
steps Government propose to take to
further improve its patent laws?

Licenses to prostitutes

†*3. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY:
Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to
legalise prostitution by providing licenses
to the women engaged in this profession;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have made any
alternative arrangements to get them proper
status in the society;

(d) whether they are now being provided
with licenses after the failure of the above
arrangements; and

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(e) the details of the steps proposed to be taken by Government to ensure a dignified life to such socially neglected and harassed women?

Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan

†*4. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the funds provided under 'Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan' to various States, particularly to Himachal Pradesh during the last two years; and

(b) the details of Government's plan to achieve the target of this scheme and the progress made so far in various States, particularly in Himachal Pradesh?

Conditional Access System

*5. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
PROF. ALKA BALRAM
KSHATRIYA:

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

(a) whether the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India in its consultation paper on broadcasting raised issues like making CAS voluntary and subjecting pay channels and advertisements to price regulation besides a host of quality-related matters;

(b) if so, to what extent the Telecom Regulatory Authority has sought views in regard to CAS being made voluntary;

(c) whether any concrete steps and measures have been taken for making CAS voluntary; and

(d) by when, a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Basic amenities in resettlement colonies

*6. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that DDA is not providing basic amenities like electricity, water and roads to the resettlement colonies in Delhi even after four years; and

(b) if so, by when the same would be provided?

Theft in the Viswa Bharati Museum

*7. SHRIMATI N. P. DURGA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a theft took place in Viswa Bharati and many valuable and priceless items such as Tagore's Nobel medallion and others memorabilia have been stolen from the museum; and

(b) if so, the action Government have taken in co-ordination with the State Government to catch the culprits?

Production in Public Sector industries

†*8. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Public Sector industries have registered considerable growth in production during the recent years;

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(b) if so, the value of the production during the years 2001-02, 2002-2003 and 2003-04;

(c) the percentage of the production as compared to GDP of the country; and

(d) the investment made by Government in the form of capital and loans in such industries during this period, year-wise?

Cancun meeting of WTO

*9. SHRI K.CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Cancun meet failed to persuade the developed nations to reduce subsidies on their farmers and cut the import tariffs on various articles including textiles;

(b) if so, whether this stand of the developed nations adversely affects the trade and agricultural interests of the developing countries;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government have taken appropriate measures to safeguard the interest of its trade and indigenous agricultural sector; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Marine products export to EU

*10. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified the European Union (EU) as a good and growing market for Indian marine products;

(b) if so, the marine products export made to the E.U. in 2003-04;

(c) the targets for 2004-05 for marine products export to the E.U.;

(d) whether any incentives have been offered to the new exporters; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Payment of gratuity to teachers

*11. SHRIRAVULA CHANDRA SEKARREDDY: SHRIMATIN.P. DURGA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court has ruled that teachers cannot claim gratuity as a matter of right; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the measures proposed to be taken to amend the relevant Act for paying gratuity to teachers as a social security measure?

Distortion of facts in NCERT books

*12. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there was criticism of distortion of facts in the Social Studies and History curriculum-2000 prepared by NCERT for School students;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering review of the NCERT syllabus 2000;

(c) whether Government are considering withdrawal of such books from the school curriculum;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Integrated Child Development
Services (ICDS) Scheme**

*13. PROF. ALKA BALRAM
KSHATRIYA:

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be
pleased to state:

(a) whether one of the oldest
programmes meant for the children below
age of six, adolescent girls and pregnant
women have not been implemented
properly for the last 30 years;

(b) if so, whether the Integrated Child
Development Services Scheme has been
able to cater to only sixteen per cent of the
undernourished children;

(c) if so, whether the Supreme Court as
per its order dated November 28, 2003 has
asked the Central and State Governments
as to why this Scheme has not been
implemented; and

(d) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

Tuition fee in IIT and IIM

*14. SHRIRAJKUMAR DHOT: Will
the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Panel,
constituted to suggest tuition fee in IIT
and IIM, has suggested a maximum fee of
Rupees six thousand per annum and
advised Government to reduce the fee
accordingly;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have accepted
the recommendations of the Panel and if

so, the steps taken to reduce the fee for
these courses; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Legislation for SEZ

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

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

(a) whether it is a fact that to create a
stable investment climate to attract huge
investments, Government propose to enact
a legislation for the Special Economic
Zones;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof;

(c) whether the legislation proposes to
give income-tax benefits on reinvestment
of profits for ten years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Model Act of UGC

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

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be
pleased to state:

(a) the details of the concept paper on
the proposed model Act of the UGC;

(b) whether it is a fact that the concept
paper is spiralling into a national level
controversy with the Central Universities
deciding to make a serious protest;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a clause of the proposal encourages colleges to generate financial resources from the private sector; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Uniform fee structure in IIMs

*17. SHRIMATIVANGAGEETHA: SHRIRAVULA CHANDRA SEKARREDDY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether IIMs. have evolved any uniform fee structure for the new students;

(b) if so, the consensus formula finalised over fee reduction; and

(c) its impact on the principle of autonomy in all institutions of higher learning?

Leakage of IIT Entrance Examination papers

*18. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that papers of I.I.T. Entrance Examination, which was held on 23rd May, 2004, were leaked;

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

(c) what would be its impact on the new generation of the students; and

(d) the number of students arrested in such type of cases during the last three years, upto 31st May, 2004?

Export/Import of goods

*19. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of goods imported and exported along with the foreign exchange spent and earned thereon during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the steps taken by Government to produce and manufacture the goods being imported into the country; and

(c) if no action has been taken so far, the reasons therefor?

Poverty in the country

*20. SHRIMATI JAMANA DEVI BARUPAL: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether poverty in the country is on the decline as per the World Bank report;

(b) if so, the features of the report;

(c) the steps being considered further to eliminate poverty which is at present 28.6 per cent;

(d) whether Government's new economic programme would help to reduce poverty further; and

(e) if so, the concrete steps Government propose to take in this regard?

NEW DELHI;
The 29th June, 2004
Asadha 8, 1926 (Saka)

YOGENDRA NARAIN,
Secretary-General.

I N D E X
(Ministry-wise)

Commerce and Industry	: 2, 9, 10, 15, 19,
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Development of North-Eastern Region	: —
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Human Resource Development	: 1, 3, 4, 7, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18,
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