

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 5, 2002/Sravana 14, 1924 (Saka)*

(Ministries : Development of North Eastern Region; Disinvestment; Health and Family Welfare; Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises; Information and Broadcasting; Law and Justice; Shipping; Social Justice and Empowerment; Tribal Affairs; Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation)

Total number of questions—20

Scarcity of snake-bite serum

*301. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Snake-bite serum gets scarce", which appeared in the 'Times of India', dated 18th July, 2002;

(b) if so, the response of Government in this regard;

(c) whether Government have any proposal to import horses for the production of anti-snake serum to tide over the crisis; and

(d) any other measures Government propose to take to stave off the crisis?

Grant-in-aid to All-India Association for SC/ST and Physically Handicapped

*302. SHRI SHYAM LAL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether All-India Association for

SC/ST and Physically Handicapped People's Upliftment (R) has applied several times since 20th August, 2001, for Grant-in-aid to his Ministry;

(b) if so, the details of action taken and the reply given;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when the Association will be informed about the action?

Implementation of SJSRY

*303. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

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

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to improve the implementation of Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) and also its components; and

(b) whether the implementation has improved during the years 2000-2001 and 2001-2002?

Computerisation of courts in metropolitan cities

*304. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:
DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY:

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

(a) whether Government have embarked on computerisation and networking of courts in metropolitan cities and also plan to setup e-court Bench in the Supreme Court, as reported in the 'Hindu', dated the 2nd June, 2002;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether due to non-computerisation in courts, there is delay in clearing the cases; and

(d) if so, by when courts in cities would be computerised and pending cases are likely to be cleared?

Employment schemes for Assam

*305. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes formulated for employment of urban people in the State of Assam during the year 2001-2002; and

(b) the details of funds allocated, amount released and the amount utilised for the same period in Assam?

FDI in print media

*306. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:

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

(a) whether the recent decision of Government to allow foreign direct

investment in the print media has generated interest in Germany;

(b) whether there has been any offer from Germany on FDI in print media;

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto;

(d) whether any proposals in this regard have been forwarded and suggested by Germany; and

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

Amendment to Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques Act, 1994

*307. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to amend the Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques Act, 1994;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the view points of Delhi Medical Association and Medical Lawyers were sought for and considered before approving the amendments and if not, the reasons therefor?

Upgradation of health centres in Rajasthan

*308. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether primary and secondary medical centres in Rajasthan are equipped and able to tackle the threat of plague or other epidemics in future;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether Government would consider upgrading these health centres enabling them to fight any epidemic in the initial stages?

Integration of ISM in the syllabus of MBBS

*309. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government propose to change the syllabus of MBBS course to integrate Indian Systems of Medicine into it;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Disposal of cases in Fast Track Courts in A.P.

*310. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Chief Justice of the Andhra Pradesh High Court has expressed his satisfaction over the case disposal rate achieved by the Fast Track Courts in the State;
- (b) if so, the total number of cases dealt by these courts;
- (c) how many of them have so far been finally disposed of;
- (d) the total cases pending at present; and
- (e) whether any directive has been issued by the Chief Justice of Andhra Pradesh High Court to dispose of the pending cases by the end of this year?

Increase in the strength of judges

†*311. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is a need to increase the number of judges in the country according to the decision given by the Supreme Court;
- (b) if so, whether Government have estimated the number of required judges in the country; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and to what extent it would exceed the strength of judges as on March, 2002?

Appointments in Class III and IV posts in DDA

*312. SHRI R.N. ARYA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the total appointments made by DDA, till date, in Class III and IV posts from direct recruitment and employees promoted from Class IV to III during the last three years;
- (b) the details of SC/ST appointments in Class III and IV; and
- (c) the total number of cases registered for appointments on compassionate ground for Class III and IV during the said period?

Scarcity of drinking water in Delhi

†*313. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that people are facing difficulties due to shortage of

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drinking water in the Capital and are compelled to consume contaminated water;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are considering to take steps to provide clean drinking water in the Capital and other metro cities; and

(d) if so, by when?

Local purchase of medicines

*314. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether CGHS dispensaries functioning in VIP areas of New Delhi have special powers regarding issue/local purchase of medicines as compared to those in other areas; and

(b) if not, why medicines of local purchase are given third or fourth day in other areas as compared to next day in VIP areas?

Scholarships to SC, ST and OBC students of Tripura

*315. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to enhance the rate of pre-matric and post-matric scholarships for the SC, ST and OBC students of Tripura;

(b) whether he is aware that Government did not sanction the scholarships to OBC students of Tripura, though a proposal of Rs. 127.67 lakhs was sent by the Government of Tripura during the year 2000-2001; and

(c) if so, whether the said amount will be sanctioned alongwith the amount of the current year?

Type-II Government quarters in Delhi

*316. CHAUDHARY HARMOHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of facilities provided in Type-II Government quarters in Delhi;

(b) the steps being taken by Government to provide all these facilities in Type II quarters of Laxmibai Nagar, New Delhi; and

(c) by when these facilities will be made available?

Feed back on Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995

*317. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have collected feed back on the implementation of Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995;

(b) if so, the salient features of the feed back;

(c) whether the end users are benefited by the new Act; and

(d) if not, whether Government propose suitable measures for the benefit of end users?

Implementation of welfare schemes

*318. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount released to various State Governments and Union Territories for implementation of various welfare schemes during the last three years, year-wise and State/UT-wise;

(b) the amount utilised by each of the States/UTs;

(c) the action proposed to be taken in respect of the States/UTs for under-utilisation and/or diversion of funds;

(d) whether Government have drawn any action plan for ensuring that the States/UTs fully utilise the funds in implementing all the welfare schemes; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Under-valuation of Maruti Udyog Ltd.

†*319. SHRI D.P. YADAV: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for which the Maruti Udyog Limited has been sold to Suzuki Motor Corporation;

(b) whether the actual assets of Maruti Udyog were under assessed and it was sold at a throw-away price; and

(c) whether a guarantee has been taken from the Suzuki Motor Corporation to the effect that their Management will not retrench the employees by showing losses?

Construction of houses under VAMBAY in Hyderabad

*320. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of houses to be constructed in Hyderabad under the Valmiki-Ambedkar Awas Yojana (VAMBAY) during the current year;

(b) whether Government have extended financial aid to the beneficiaries of VAMBAY; and

(c) the target for completion of the project?

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