

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Monday, the December 5, 2005/Agrahayana 14, 1927 (Saka)*

(Ministries: Culture; Development of North-Eastern Region; Human Resource Development; Information and Broadcasting; Law and Justice; Mines; Parliamentary Affairs; Social Justice and Empowerment; Tribal Affairs; Urban Development; Urban Employment and Poverty Alleviation)

Total number of questions—20

Kendriya Vidyalaya in Buxar

†*161. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the construction stage of the Kendriya Vidyalaya building situated in Buxar, Bihar;

(b) whether it is a fact that the above school is running in little space lacking in basic facilities for the students;

(c) the action being taken to upgrade this school to the Senior Secondary level; and

(d) the measures being taken to make arrangements for computer class, playground and other necessary facilities?

Discrimination of minorities

*162. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Minority Commission has alleged that minorities are discriminated against by the academic bodies like UGC, CBSE and AICTE in the matter of reservations in educational institutions

and also in employment in educational bodies/institutions;

(b) if so, whether Government would consider bringing in a legislation for reservation of minority communities both for admission into/employment in the educational bodies/colleges; and

(c) whether Government have also proposed strengthening of madarsa system of education for minorities by providing them funds to modernize the infrastructure and curriculum?

Children out of school

*163. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that out of 200 million children in the age group of 6 to 14 years, only 120 million are in schools;

(b) if so, the steps Government are taking to ensure their attendance in schools;

(c) whether the necessary infrastructure could be created from the existing financial resources; and

(d) if so, the time-frame thereof?

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Natural heritage sites

*164. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to include the ecologically sensitive Western Ghats in the exclusive club of World Heritage Sites;

(b) if so, the number of the natural heritage sites which have been identified so far in the country; and

(c) whether any preliminary surveys have been conducted by UNESCO to fulfil the required parameters?

Education for girl child

*165. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to provide free education from VI to XII to every girl from a 'single child family' in schools affiliated to CBSE;

(b) whether it is also a fact that UGC is also planning to launch a postgraduate scholarship for girls who have come from 'single child family';

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the sources from where his Ministry is going to pool the resources for implementation of these two schemes; and

(e) whether his Ministry can think of getting some money from Prathamik Shiksha Kosh for this purpose?

Programmes for street children

*166. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have

conducted any survey on the number of street children living Below Poverty Line in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether Government have taken or propose to take any steps for imparting proper education and for the welfare of these students;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the achievements made/proposed to be made thereon;

(e) whether Government have taken note of the developments in this regard in other countries; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Action against fake universities

†*167. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued any directions for closure of fake universities/educational institutes running in different States and for taking action against the managers of such universities/educational institutes; and

(b) if so, the States that have taken action to close these fake universities and also those where such institutes are still in operation?

Shifting of Government offices

*168. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to shift Government offices from the National Capital to the NCR;

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(b) if so, whether Government have prepared any action plan in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government had set any time-frame for this purpose;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether Government had also taken into consideration voice of the employees; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

Scientific research in undergraduate courses

*169. SHRI R. P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the University Grants Commission has decided to make scientific research a part of the undergraduate courses and also interaction between the scientific institutes and university students mandatory for the post-graduate studies, with a view to improving the scientific research in universities and colleges;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the universities are being asked to revise the syllabus to incorporate the new initiative; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the implementation status?

Sharing of feed of important national events by Doordarshan

*170. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry has stated that sharing of feed of events of national importance including sports with

Doordarshan would have a detrimental impact on private TV channels; and

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

Strengthening of basic education and research

*171. SHRIMATI S. G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the University Grants Commission had formulated a scheme for strengthening basic science education and research within the existing university system;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the UGC plans to create positions of research scientists at the levels of lecturer, reader and professor; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Monitoring of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan

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

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

(a) whether in order to plug the gaps in monitoring Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, he has suggested a new system whereby quality indices of the programme would be monitored every quarter;

(b) whether this would be over and above the existing system of monitoring by forty organisations;

(c) if so, the main features thereof; and

(d) to what extent it would be helpful in monitoring Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan?

Joint ventures with China on minerals

*173. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether in a bid to strengthen ties in the field of mining, India and China have signed a MoU for joint ventures in other countries and set up a framework to promote cooperation in the field of metallic and non-metallic minerals research;

(b) if so, the main features thereof;

(c) the steps being considered to implement the agreement;

(d) whether any areas have been identified for which cooperation and development of minor industry and mineral resources assessment and technology transfer would also be undertaken; and

(e) by when the work on this project is likely to commence?

Resettlement of slum dwellers

*174. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have undertaken any survey on slums in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the details of the schemes relating to resettlement of the slum dwellers?

Reduction in grants to universities

*175. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been continuously reducing the grants made

available to the Indian universities resulting in an adverse impact on their growth;

(b) whether the permission has been granted to the foreign universities to set up their base in the country making the situation difficult for the Indian universities;

(c) if so, the steps proposed to encourage the Indian universities to enable them to compete with the foreign universities;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Productivity of education system

*176. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the statement made by the Head of National Knowledge Commission that only 6 per cent students garner gains from the current education system and around 80 per cent higher education curriculum went on unproductive for students;

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

(c) the details of the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government for making education system more competitive and productive by taking co-operation of the scientists and research experts in the various fields?

Drainage system in Delhi

*177. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the drainage system in Delhi is poorly maintained and inadequate to meet sudden spurt of monsoon; and

(b) if so, whether sewage effluents are flowing in 90 per cent storm water drains, supposed to carry only storm water?

Uniform basic syllabus

*178. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are proposing to have a uniform basic syllabus all over the country;

(b) the States who have agreed to the proposal;

(c) whether the NCERT approved syllabus has been circulated among the State Governments; and

(d) if so, the essential features of the syllabus along with the other relevant details thereof?

Uplinking and down-linking policy for TV channels

*179. DR. KARAN SINGH:

SHRI ANAND SHARMA:

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

(a) whether Government have discussed report of the Group of Ministers set up

earlier to formulate uplinking and down-linking policy for television channels;

(b) if so, the details of its recommendations;

(c) if so, whether these recommendations have already been submitted to his Ministry;

(d) if so, his Ministry's reaction thereto; and

(e) the steps being taken to implement them?

Saraswati Heritage Project

†*180. SHRI DEVDAS APTE: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Archeological Survey of India has cancelled its Saraswati Heritage Project;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government are aware that some voluntary organizations have discovered several geographical and archeological facts;

(d) the mode of verifying the information gathered through these means as Saraswati Heritage Project has since been discontinued; and

(e) the details of Government's scheme in this regard?

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Secretary-General.

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