

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Monday, the March 6, 2006/Phalguna 15, 1927 (Saka)*

(Ministries: Agro and Rural Industries; Communications and Information Technology; Development of North Eastern Region; Human Resource Development; Information and Broadcasting; Law and Justice; Mines; Minority Affairs; Parliamentary Affairs; Small Scale Industries; Social Justice and Empowerment; Tribal Affairs; Women and Child Development)

Total number of questions — 20

#### Projects for development of NER

\*201. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the development projects in the North Eastern Region sanctioned by Government during the years 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06;

(b) the funds allotted for each project, the date of commencement of the work and the likely date of completion in each case; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to expedite the completion of the projects where the progress of work has been delayed for more than a year beyond the stipulated date?

#### Schemes for destitute children

\*202. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of welfare schemes and

programmes formulated and being implemented in various States of the country for the welfare of destitute children; and

(b) the details of funds spent on implementation of these schemes by Government during the last three years, State-wise, scheme-wise and year-wise?

#### Registered units of SSIs in the country

\*203. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of registered units of small scale industries in the country upto the 31st December, 2005, State-wise and Union Territory-wise;

(b) how many of these are in running condition and how many have been closed;

(c) the reasons for such a big number of units having been closed;

(d) the number of workers having lost their work; and

(e) the steps taken to check failures upto such an extent?

**Bamboo as a source of sustainable livelihood in rural sector**

\*204. SHRI B.J. PANDA:  
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bamboo is a source of sustainable livelihood in the rural sector and Orissa has great potential in this sector;

(b) whether Government propose to help and encourage the cash-strapped backward State of Orissa to boost its growth to improve the rural economy of the State; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Iron-ore reserves in the country**

†\*205. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the iron-ore reserves in the country at present, State-wise;

(b) the date on which the last survey was conducted to ascertain the reserves of iron-ore in Jharkhand and other States; and

(c) the interval of time at which survey for exploration of mineral reserves is carried out?

**Creches for the children of sex-workers**

†\*206. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to open creches for the children of sex-workers;

(b) whether Government are planning to give licenses to sex workers; and

(c) whether the scheme of opening of creches for the children of sex workers would come under the Rajiv Gandhi Rashtriya Shishu Grih Yojana launched recently?

**Improvement of education**

\*207. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:  
SHRIMATI KAMLA  
MANHAR:

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

(a) whether Government propose to improve the standard of education through various schemes at affordable fees;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government's attention has been drawn to exorbitant fees being charged by private institutions/schools in Delhi; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken to formulate guidelines to regulate the fee structure of private institutions/schools in Delhi?

**Discrimination against Scheduled Castes at temples**

\*208. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of all those temples in the country where Scheduled Castes are not permitted to enter; and

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(b) whether Government are planning any special steps to prevent this?

#### **Expansion of DTH services**

\*209. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the urgent need for expansion of DTH services to cater to the local aspirations *i.e.* new channels should be made available on DTH services for regional and subjects specific needs;

(b) how the lack of trained personnel which is a perennial problem, is proposed to be dealt with; and

(c) whether his Ministry has implemented the recommendations of the Expenditure Reform Commission that proposed drastic down-sizing?

#### **Setting up of khadi and village industries in Andhra Pradesh**

\*210. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of khadi and village industries set up under various programmes of Government through KVIC in Andhra Pradesh during the last five years, year-wise;

(b) how many million square metres of cotton khadi items have been manufactured by khadi and village industries in the State during the last five years, year-wise, alongwith the value of these products;

(c) the number of persons employed in cotton khadi sector in the State during the last five years, year-wise; and

(d) the assistance Government are providing to the State's efforts to promote khadi and village industries in the State?

#### **NCERT's survey of schools**

†\*211. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:  
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR  
PRASAD:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that NCERT has conducted a survey of schools under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan; and

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that according to this survey, education standard in these schools has been found to be very dismal?

#### **Ban on private courier companies from carrying small packets**

\*212. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Posts propose to ban private courier companies from handling packets weighing less than 500 gms.;

(b) whether in pursuance thereof Government would seek an amendment to the Indian Post Office Act, 1898; and

(c) whether instead of banning the private couriers from carrying small documents/packages, the Department of Posts would update the skills of its staff and modernise its transit/delivery system to bring it at par with that of the courier companies?

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**Time concession in CBSE exam**

\*213. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Board of Secondary Education has spelled out time concession to the students for their examination;

(b) if so, the time-limit of such concession;

(c) how far such a time-limit would be beneficial to the students;

(d) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to extend time-limit in all types of examinations from primary school to the last educational standard; and

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

**Kendriya Vidyalayas in temporary structures**

\*214. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 41 per cent Kendriya Vidyalayas are functioning in temporary structures;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to construct permanent buildings for those Vidyalayas?

**New scheme to create telecom infrastructure in rural areas**

\*215. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

have announced a new scheme to fund operators to create telecom infrastructure for rural telephony in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the status of its implementation?

**Appointment of additional judges to clear pending cases**

†\*216. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that 300 additional judges in High Courts and 6,500 new judges in subordinate courts would be required to dispose off all pending cases in High Courts in next five years according to the Law Commission;

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

(c) the number of judges required according to Government's estimate?

**Internet facility on mobile phones**

\*217. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the largest number of consumers are using BSNL and Dolphin Mobile services but there is no internet facility on these mobile phones;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) how much time it will take to start this facility?

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**Doubling of India's share in IT and software market**

\*218. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India can double its present market share and capture at least 6-7 per cent of the global market share in IT and software by the year 2008-09;

(b) whether it is a fact that ASSOCHAM has carried out a study in this connection;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government have any plan for the year 2020 since India will have the largest number of people in the working age group in the world by that time?

**Literacy amongst minorities**

\*219. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of literacy amongst

religious minorities as on the 31st December, 2005, community-wise;

(b) the percentage of persons educated upto IVth standard amongst the above communities alongwith the drop-out rate; and

(c) the percentage of persons educated upto Xth standard amongst each of the above communities in comparison to the national figure?

**Smart Schools for quality education**

\*220. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any scheme to set up Smart Schools all over the country, in order to provide quality education, by making use of computers and other technological devices;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of Smart Schools set up in the country so far, particularly in Maharashtra; and

(c) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government for setting up more Smart Schools in the country, so far?

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*Phalguna 9, 1927 (Saka)*

YOGENDRA NARAIN,  
*Secretary-General.*

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