

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORALANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Friday, the May 6, 2005/Vaisakha 16, 1927 (Saka)*

(Ministries: Agriculture; Chemicals and Fertilizers; Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution; Environment and Forests; Food Processing Industries; Health and Family Welfare; Railways; Steel)

Total number of questions — 20

Development of eco-industrial estates

*601. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Pollution Control Board has identified certain sites for the development of eco-industrial estates;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the work would be taken up?

(c) the facilities and eligibilities required for the institutions which intend to start colleges and the name of authority which has the power to enquire the same;

(d) the name of the scanning and recommending agency;

(e) the names of agencies who enquire, recommend and accord sanction and the time taken in the whole process; and

(f) the names of the institutions accorded permission since July, 2002?

Procedure for opening Homoeopathic Medical Colleges

†*602. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the role of the Central Homoeopathic Council in the process of granting permission for starting Homoeopathy Colleges;

(b) the details of the duties, tenure, constitution and rules pertaining to selection and suspension of the officials of the Council;

Fall-out of globalisation and WTO policies

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

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Agriculture Ministry officials and experts from six South Asian countries met in Hyderabad during March, 2005 to discuss the fall-out of globalisation and WTO policies on agricultural sector and rural livelihood in the region;

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(b) if so, whether a wide range of issues including impact of globalisation on food security, scenario of liberalisation of agricultural sector and development of agro-processing industry were discussed in the meeting;

(c) if so, the main decisions arrived at; and

(d) the details of outcome of discussions and whether all the countries that have attended will jointly make efforts to get them approved in WTO?

Railways plan of modernisation

*604. SHRI R.K. ANAND:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have a plan of modernisation;

(b) if so, the priority thrust areas of such plan;

(c) whether Government intend to make private sector a partner in such plan;

(d) if so, in which sectors, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the general terms of policy to associate private sector in the modernisation plan?

Daitari-Banspani Project

*605. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that daitari-Banspani Project — a freight rich section is moving at a snail's pace;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government propose to involve foreign companies, giving them preference over our own companies in its execution;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the time-frame within which this long-pending project would be completed and operationalised?

Unifying food laws

†*606. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that food products have to pass through many laws for their quality test;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that, owing to several laws for examining the quality of food products, the work relating to their quality test is not performed properly which results in the increase of lawyers as well as the work of courts;

(d) whether Government are considering to formulate some unified law to examine the quality of food products; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

De-recognition of empanelled hospitals, clinics, etc.

*607. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the hospitals, clinics and diagnostic centres empanelled under CGHS in Delhi which have been de-recognized recently on the recommendations of CBI;

(b) the reasons for their de-recognition;

(c) the names with designations of the officers of the CGHS against whom FIR was filed by the CBI in November, 2004;

(d) the nature of allegations levelled against them; and

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(e) the other steps taken by Government to weed out corruption and touts from CGHS, Delhi?

Naturopathy System of Medicine

†*608. SHRI BALAVANTALIAS BALAPTE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recognized 'Naturopathy' as a system of medicine;

(b) if so, whether guidelines governing qualification, classification and syllabus for the doctors of this system have been prepared; and

(c) if not, whether there is any such scheme under consideration of Government?

Research on stem cells

*609. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether media reports regarding the pioneering work done in the field of stem cells in AIIMS are correct;

(b) if so, how expensive is this treatment; and

(c) whether this treatment would be made available to the common man or only the rich elite will strive to benefit?

MNCs' monopoly in grain market

†*610. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that sale and

purchase of foodgrains is undertaken in India through markets meant for it, whereas MNCs are trying to establish their monopoly over grain market by distorting agricultural marketing laws and driving wedge into markets;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that E-chaupal of ITC in Madhya Pradesh is an example of this move and whether establishment of monopolies of MNCs in the grain markets would not eliminate employment opportunities fully and whether the farmers of the country would not become bonded labourers; and

(c) if so, the remedial measures being taken by Government?

Amount received from the Union Carbide as compensation

†*611. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are still having the balance amount received from the Union Carbide as compensation;

(b) if so, details of such amount;

(c) the purpose for which this amount, if any, have been kept as reserve; and

(d) whether this amount would be made available to the Madhya Pradesh Government for the schemes being run for the welfare of gas victims?

Assistance to Punjab for fertilizers, seeds, etc.

*612. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to formulate any policy in consultation with

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Punjab Government to provide fertilizers, seeds and other agriculture equipments to farmers at reasonable prices; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Unhygienic premises in SJ Hospital

*613. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether cleanliness in the Safdarjung Hospital, Delhi is a far cry forcing the patients to go to private hospitals/nursing homes; and

(b) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken to make the Hospital neat and clean and infection free?

Enquiry on health services

†*614. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have carried out any enquiry into the health related aspects and arrangements/facilities at national level in urban and rural areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of such hospitals where even doctors/staff are not available;

(d) whether Government carry out study about the spread of new diseases in those areas; and

(e) if so, the measures taken for prevention and protection of such areas in future?

Pine-apple juice concentration centres

*615. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the pine-apple juice concentration centres in different States of the country;

(b) the target and actual production of the North East Regional Agricultural Marketing Corporation project at Nalkata, Tripura;

(c) the reasons for shortfall in production at the Nalkata project; and

(d) the remedial measures Government propose to take?

Policy for inclusion of major industries in agricultural sector

†*616. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that major companies have shown their inclination towards agricultural sector;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering to formulate a policy in order to boost the interest of private sector and to safeguard the interest of farmers; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Mumbai's local train network

*617. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a plan to revamp Mumbai's local train network, the city's life line, in two phases;

(b) if so, the details thereof and its estimated cost; and

(c) Government's response thereto?

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Fertilizer subsidies

*618. SHRI SUDARSHAN
AKARAPU:
SHRI C. RAMA-
CHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS
AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have decided to rationalise fertilizer subsidies;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is proposed to target fertilizer subsidies only to the needy farmers/marginal and small farmers; and
- (d) if so, the rationale behind the proposed exercise?

Oil spill in Goa coast

*619. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:
Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT
AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that 8 square km. oil slick caused by an offshore collusion was threatening the Coast of North Karnataka triggering panic among the

fishermen and resort owners on the beaches in Goa; and

- (b) the steps Government are taking to overcome the pollution in the sea due to the oil spill in Goa coast?

Revising buffer stocking norms

*620. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to raise the minimum buffer stocking norms for food grains for the rest of the Tenth Plan period to provide for various welfare schemes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government have constituted a committee to suggest the need for revising the buffer stocking norms;
- (d) if so, whether the said technical committee had made any recommendations in this regard; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

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YOGENDRA NARAIN,
Secretary-General.

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(Ministry-wise)

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