

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on

Tuesday, the August 6, 2002/Sravana 15, 1924 (Saka)

(Ministries : Civil Aviation; Commerce and Industry; Finance and Company Affairs; Petroleum and Natural Gas; Tourism and Culture; Water Resources)

Total number of questions—20

NPAs of IFCI

†*321. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY:
Will the Minister of FINANCE AND
COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to reduce the Non-Performing Assets of Industrial Finance Corporation of India (IFCI) and merge it with IDBI, keeping in view, the similarity in service conditions of employees of IFCI and Industrial Development Bank of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, whether any remedial measures are being taken by Government to get the IFCI out of the present financial crisis; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Tourist circuits in Gujarat

*322. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ:
Will the Minister of TOURISM AND
CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of tourist circuits set-up in the country so far, State-wise;

(b) the amount spent thereon during the last two years;

(c) whether Government propose to develop some more National Tourist Circuits in the country, particularly in Gujarat;

(d) if so, the details thereof, location-wise; and

(e) the funds likely to be spent thereon?

Asset Management Company

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

Will the Minister of FINANCE AND
COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to form an Asset Management Company (AMC) to manage Government equity in all the Public Sector Undertakings; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

International airport at Hyderabad

*324. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the
Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased
to state:

(a) the current status regarding construction of international airport at Hyderabad; and

(b) the total estimated cost involved in

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the project and by when the airport would become operational?

Tax evasion by corporates

*325. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether nationalised and foreign banks, financial institutions and non-banking finance companies owe huge sums as income-tax dues;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken to recover the outstanding dues?

All India Cultural/Folklore Festivals

*326. SHRI RANGANATH MISRA: SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposals to organize All India Cultural/Folklore Festivals once or twice a year at different locations;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether some kind of national award and recognition with cash prizes could be extended at such festivals to honour new talented artists?

Privatisation of Pawan Hans

*327. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Pawan Hans Helicopters Ltd. (PHHL) has signed MoU with C.H.C. Helicopters International recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) in what manner it will help PHHL's business opportunities;

(d) whether Government are considering the privatisation of PHHL; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Joint venture by GAIL in CNG retailing

*328. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Gas Authority of India Ltd. (GAIL) has decided to form a joint venture with a civic body in Gujarat for retail distribution of Compressed Natural Gas;

(b) if so, the salient features of this joint-venture agreement;

(c) whether GAIL plans to expand its distribution network by entering into joint ventures in other parts of the country where they have supply terminals/pipelines; and

(d) if so, the locations identified for future joint ventures for CNG retailing?

Amounts locked in litigation

*329. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the news-item captioned "Rs. 10,000 crore locked in tax litigation" which appeared in the 'Business Standard' dated 27th May, 2002;

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

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to liquidate the huge mounting arrears of cases pertaining to tax litigation?

Financial package for coffee and tea growers

*330. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have rescheduled the loans availed by coffee and tea growers and have put two year moratorium on repayment of principal amount;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether any special financial package and concessions are being worked out for coffee and tea growers in respect of their future borrowings; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

Production cost of oil and gas

*331. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) average cost of production of crude oil and gas, unit-wise viz., per barrel and per SCM respectively incurred by ONGC and OIL, separately in the country;

(b) average incidence of statutory charges in the form of levies, taxes, royalty, etc., on crude oil and gas, unit-wise;

(c) average rate of delivery of crude oil and gas unit-wise to refineries;

(d) average unit-wise cost of refining and processing of crude oil and gas into finished products; and

(e) per cent-wise increase in rate between the cost of production of crude oil and gas and final delivery price to the consumers, unit-wise?

Scams in cooperative banks

†*332. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of scams in cooperative banks in the country from January, 2001 to June, 2002 and the extent of public money lost in these scams;

(b) the steps taken by the Reserve Bank of India to stop these incidents;

(c) whether Government would make the audit of cooperative banks mandatory by CAG or any other institution;

(d) whether Government would impart special training to bank employees for this purpose; and

(e) whether the Bank Directors have the right to waive loans at present; if so, the arrangements made by Government to stop its misuse?

Losses suffered by Tirupati airport

*333. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Tirupati airport in Andhra Pradesh is a loss making airport;

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

(c) whether less air services from different parts of the country is one of the reasons for losses of this pilgrimage airport; and

(d) if so, the remedial measures Government propose to take in this regard?

Damage to historical sites in Delhi

*334. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many of the

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important historical sites in Delhi are being defaced by people who carve out their names on the walls;

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government in this regard;

(c) what is the number of people booked for this offence till date; and

(d) whether stricter laws would be made to punish the guilty and if so, to what extent?

Supply of LNG from Iran

*335. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA
RAO:
SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA
SEKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Iran had agreed to supply Liquefied Natural Gas to India through pipeline by the end of 2002;

(b) whether it is a fact that Iran now propose to supply the Gas through ships; and

(c) by when the delivery is expected?

Export facilities

†*336. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

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

(a) whether Government had allotted money to various States for setting-up facilities for export in their respective States to boost export from the country;

(b) if so, the details of the States alongwith the funds allotted to them in 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002; and

(c) the amount spent by State Governments during the above years, year-wise?

Extension of Rajasthan Canal

*337. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED
KHAN (DURRU):
DR. AKHILESH DAS:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the project to extend Rajasthan Canal from Danan to Gadra Road in Barmer has been prepared; if so, the details of its alignment, cost and other parameters; and

(b) whether the implementation of the project has been started and if so, by when it is likely to be completed?

Listing out of fake companies by SEBI

*338. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has taken any measures to list out the fake companies in the capital market;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of companies which have sought approval from SEBI for the Initial Public Offering in the capital market during the last one year; and

(d) the names of these companies and the amount of capital they plan to raise from the public?

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Foreign trips by PSUs

*339. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state the details of foreign trips undertaken by officials of Ministry of Civil Aviation the rank of Deputy Secretary and above in connection with the official work of the Ministry and its allied PSUs such as AAI, Pawan Hans, Air India and Indian Airlines?

Flaws in water management

†*340. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report issued by World Bank in May, 2002 with regard to water management in India;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that it has been mentioned in the said report that as a result of flaws in water management an annual loss of Rs. 74,730 crores is being suffered as per 1994-95 prices; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction in this regard?

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R.C. TRIPATHI,
Secretary-General.

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