

**RAJYA SABHA**

**List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS**

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Wednesday, the August 6, 2003/Sravana 15, 1925 (Saka)*

**(Ministries: Coal; Defence; Home Affairs; Mines; Non-Conventional Energy  
Sources; Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Power; Rural  
Development; Textiles)**

**Total number of questions—20**

**Reduction in Holidays**

\*241. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA:  
SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:

Will the Minister of PERSONNEL,  
PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND  
PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of days a year, the  
Government of India employees work  
considering holidays of Saturdays,  
Sundays, Gazetted Holidays, Restricted  
Holidays and various types of leave availed  
by them;

(b) whether Government have  
examined the possibility of reducing the  
Gazetted Holidays by permitting  
employees of respective religious faiths a  
holiday on that particular day and avoid  
closing of Government offices;

(c) whether Government have also  
examined the possibility of restoring a six  
day week to increase the number of  
working days; and

(d) whether Government propose to  
conduct any study on the effects of  
observance of so many holidays on  
developmental works and routine  
administration of Government of India?

**Establishment of a Fluoride  
Mitigation Centre in Gujarat**

\*242.DR. A.K. PATEL:  
PROF. ALKA BALRAM  
KSHATRIYA:

Will the Minister of RURAL  
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government  
of Gujarat has submitted a proposal to the  
Ministry of Rural Development for  
establishing a Fluoride Mitigation Centre;

(b) if so, whether any decision has been  
taken thereon; and

(c) if not, by when the decision is likely  
to be taken?

**Utilisation of funds under the Indira  
Awas Yojana**

\*243. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:  
SHRIMATI N. P. DURGA:

Will the Minister of RURAL  
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the States/  
UTs are not sending their monthly progress  
reports on the implementation of Indira  
Awas Yojana;

(b) if so, in what manner Government would propose to ensure that the funds allotted to the States under this category are being utilised and are not being reappropriated for other purposes; and

(c) the quantum of funds allotted State/UT-wise and the extent to which the same have been utilised?

**PMGSY in Arunachal Pradesh**

\*244. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of targets fixed for the construction of roads during the Tenth Plan under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana in the State of Arunachal Pradesh; and

(b) the details of roads constructed under the scheme so far in the State?

**Performance of private power companies in Delhi**

\*245. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that private companies to whom distribution of power in Delhi had been assigned with effect from 1st July, 2002 have ushered in a state of indecision in regard to granting new connections, taking decision on aspects relating to granting connections to co-operative societies, tariff sharing between consumer and these companies etc.;

(b) whether Government have made any assessment of the performance of these companies in Delhi *vis-a-vis* the difficulties faced by consumers; and

(c) if so, what assistance has been given

to State Government of Delhi before this experiment is tried elsewhere?

**MoU signed between PGCIL and State Grid Corporation of China**

\*246. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:  
SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Power Grid Corporation of India Limited has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with State Grid Corporation of China on 9th July, 2003;

(b) if so, to what extent this will help in developing the power generation and power distribution in India; and

(c) by when the work on this MoU is likely to be started?

**Funds for poverty alleviation in KBK districts of Orissa**

\*247. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount given to the eight KBK districts in Orissa for poverty alleviation programmes from 1995 to 2003, year-wise and district-wise;

(b) whether Government have approved any agency other than State Government to review this poverty alleviation programme in all KBK districts;

(c) whether it is a fact that the funds which were given for poverty alleviation programme could not be fully utilised; and

(d) if so, the details of funds utilised from 1995 to 2002?

**Tipaimukh Dam Project**

\*248. SHRIMATI JAMANA DEVI  
BARUPAL:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of POWER be  
pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Electricity  
Authority has accorded techno-economic  
clearance to the 1500 MW (6 x 250 MW)  
Tipaimukh Dam Project on the river Barak  
in Manipur/Mizoram;

(b) if so, whether this project is likely  
to provide impetus to the economic and  
developmental activities in the North  
Eastern Region;

(c) whether during the last 12 months  
the CEA has cleared projects which will  
help generate upto 11,500 MW of power;

(d) if so, the details of these projects;  
and

(e) by when they are likely to be  
completed?

**Losses suffered by NDMC**

\*249. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the  
Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased  
to state:

(a) whether NDMC suffers staggering  
loss of Rs. 3.84 crore annually;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether abnormal delay in revision  
of licence fee, improper maintenance of  
records and vital information has become  
the practice there;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken to remedy the  
situation?

**Revival of NTC Mills**

\*250. SHRI N.K. PREMA-  
CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of  
TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the latest position of the revival of  
NTC Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala  
and Madras (APKK & M) Mills;

(b) the date on which the revival period  
expires as per the BIFR order;

(c) whether Government propose to  
fulfil its commitment in the BIFR revival  
package order within the stipulated revival  
period; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the  
action taken for the payment under VRS  
to surplus workers in the reviving mills?

**Royalty given to States**

\*251. SHRI THANGA TAMIL  
SELVAN: Will the Minister of COAL be  
pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of royalty given to the  
States for mining of coal and lignite  
separately;

(b) the balance of royalty due to be paid  
to Tamil Nadu for mining lignite at  
Neyveli; and

(c) when the royalty for lignite was last  
revised?

**Clearance for SGPC members/  
employees for trips abroad**

\*252. SARDAR GURCHARAN  
SINGH TOHRA:  
SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH  
LIBRA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any order in force

that requires members and employees of Shiromani Gurdwara Prabhandhak Committee (SGPC) to get clearance from Home Ministry before they are allowed to go on a trip abroad;

(b) whether Government are actively considering to review and repeal of such order; and

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

**Power projects in private sector**

†\*253. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI:Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of projects for power generation being operated in the private sector and whether performance of these projects is not as per Government's expectations;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Cases registered by Anti-Corruption Branch of Delhi Police**

\*254. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:  
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases registered by the Anti-Corruption Branch in the Delhi Police against the officials working in Government/Civic bodies offices during the current year;

(b) the number of cases registered during the last year and decided by the court; and

(c) the steps which have been taken by Government for expeditious disposal of such cases?

**Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana in Jharkhand**

\*255. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the scheme for road connectivity between the rural areas and the highways under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana is being implemented in the State of Jharkhand;

(b) if so, the details of implementation of the scheme so far and targets fixed for the Tenth Five Year Plan period;

(c) the details of the major bottlenecks identified; and

(d) the steps contemplated to overcome the same?

**Power projects under APDRP in Andhra Pradesh**

\*256. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sanctioned some projects to the State of Andhra Pradesh under Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme;

(b) if so, the number of projects sanctioned for Tirupati circle; and

(c) the details of mandals included in Tirupati circle?

**Budgetary support to Indian Cotton Mills Federation**

†\*257. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Cotton Mills Federation (ICMF) had demanded Rs. 400 crore annually as budgetary support from the Centre in order to improve the poor financial condition of the Indian Cotton Mills;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the provision for the purpose made in the financial year 2003-2004 and the funds sanctioned to improve the condition of cotton Mills and to make textile industry competitive;

(c) whether any Technology Upgradation Fund (T.U.F.) has been formed for textile sector; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Clearance of power projects by CEA**

\*258. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Electricity Authority has given clearance to several projects recently;

(b) if so, the details of the projects, cleared during the last one year;

(c) the capacity of the projects and total investment involved; and

(d) the present status of the projects?

**System to forewarn people about Cyclones**

\*259. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that

in the last cyclone there was heavy loss of life and property as the residents of the coastal areas could not be forewarned well before time;

(b) if so, whether Government have now developed any system to forewarn the people before such a natural calamity takes on them; and

(c) if so, the success of such a system and how far it has been used to save the lives and property of coastal people?

**Memoranda on demands of Kashmiri Pandits**

\*260. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether during the visit of the VIPs to the displaced Kashmiri Pandits' camp in Jammu in June this year, any memoranda on their demands was presented for relief and rehabilitation;

(b) if so, the details of their demands; and

(c) Government's response and reaction thereto?

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