

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 6, 2004/Agrahayana 15, 1926 (Saka)*

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

Total number of questions — 20

Saraswati River Heritage Project

*61. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state the progress made in the project on unearthing the Saraswati River Heritage?

Protection of ancient religious places and temples of Uttaranchal

†*SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

a) the names of the ancient religious places and temples of Uttaranchal protected by the Archaeological Survey of India;

(b) whether his ministry is working on the schemes for protection and development of these places; and

(c) if so, the details thereof together with the amount spent for this purpose during the last two years year-wise and the amount proposed to be spent during the year 2004-05?

Expenditure on education

*63. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANARAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the expenditure Government propose to incur on education during the 10th Five Year Plan;

(b) the percentage of GDP that Government are planning to spend on education during the above plan period;

(c) the amount spent so far on education during the above plan, year-wise; and

(d) the contribution made by the States, local bodies and the Centre on education in the first three years of the Plan?

Appointment in DD news

*64. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that questionable procedure was adopted by Government in

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the past to appoint key people in Doordarshan news;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps initiated by Government to rectify the situation and fix accountability therefor?

Levying of licence fee

*65. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering levying of a licence fee for ownership of TVs, for funding Prasar Bharti's activities; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Incentive to rose producers

*66. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Pushkar in Rajasthan produces the best export quality roses in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government intend to extend any special incentives to the rose producers in Rajasthan to further develop its flower sector for export purpose; and

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

Disabled students

*67. SMT. N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to the National Centre for Promotion of Employment for Disabled People, only 1.2 percent of the disabled in the country has had any form of education

(b) whether his Ministry has any statistics as to how many disabled students are studying in 322-odd universities in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Explosives in imported metal scrap

*68. SHRI LALIT SURI:
SHRIRAMA MUNIREDDY
SIRIGIREDDY:

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

(a) the countries from where metal scrap was allowed to be imported during 2004;

(b) whether the imported metal scrap contained explosive war-heads both used and live that caused loss of life and property as live war-heads exploded at various places in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken/proposed to be taken to ensure that such dangerous imports are banned?

OBCs of other States

*69. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the OBCs of other States are not treated as Other Backward Classes in Delhi;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government would instruct the Delhi Government to provide all the facilities to OBCs of other States?

Allocation for school education

*70. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the allocation made for school education during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that education cess is being collected;

(c) if so, the amount collected so far and spent on education, State-wise;

(d) whether it is a fact that in rural and far-flung areas, there is either no school or where these exist, they lack proper infrastructure and teaching staff; and

(e) if so, the measures contemplated to strengthen the school education system in the country, particularly in the deficient areas?

Minarets of Taj Mahal

*71. SHRI R.P. GOENKA:
SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all the four minarets of the Taj Mahal at Agra have been tilting for many years

(b) if so, the details of the surveys made from time to time to assess the structural safety of the Taj and its minarets;

(c) the action taken or being taken to overcome any threat to the world heritage monument;

(d) whether it is also a fact the U.N.E.S.C.O. has also expressed concern on the likely damage to the Taj; and

(e) if so, the results of any coordination established with the World Heritage Centre at Paris?

Live shells in imported scrap

*72. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the scrap imported from Iraq and shipped to India through Iran with live shells caused blast at a Ghaziabad factory leading to ten deaths; and

(b) if so, the action proposed against the suppliers and the importers for importing lethal consignments?

Modified commissioning of programmes

*73. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating with a modified version of commissioning programmes of TV serials, documentaries and short films;

(b) if so, the details of the new schemes to be launched;

(c) how many commissioned programmes have been sanctioned during the last two years and the amount financed to each producer; and

(d) whether some producers are violating the self-finance commissioning programmes scheme by not adhering to the guidelines, and if so, the action taken against each one of them?

Issue of DTH and Radio FM licences

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has formulated some guidelines/norms for issue of DTH and Radio FM licences;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that as per these guidelines/norms, Government have received applications for DTH/Radio FM licences; and

(d) if so, the companies who have applied for licences and by when these licences are likely to be issued?

Advertisement from defaulting agencies

*75. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Broadcasting Foundation has directed all its members not to accept advertisements from the defaulting clients like Samsung, Motorola and Reckitt Benckiser with effect from the 10th November, 2004;

(b) how much dues these companies owe to Doordarshan channels for advertisements aired till now; and

(c) whether Doordarshan would abide by the directive of the IBF and if so, for how long?

New Export Markets

†*76. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any attempts to export Indian goods to such countries where Indian goods have not been exported so far and a good market potential may be exploited there;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Central Advisory Board of Education

*77. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Advisory Board of Education (VABE) has been constituted recently;

(b) if so, details thereof including credentials of its constituents;

(c) the mandate and terms of the present CABE;

(d) the details of the origin of CABE, the number of times it was constituted in the past along with the identity of its constituents;

(e) whether any foreign national have ever been appointed as member of CABE; and

(f) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor?

FM Radio Players

*78. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Phase-I FM radio players since its inception in May, 2000; State-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that the players are facing problems with the open auction bid policy;

(c) if so, whether Government would think of reverting to the adoption of tender process;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

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(e) whether it is also a fact that recently the TRAI has recommended for a new licence regime and revenue sharing arrangement; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Charges by cable operators

*79. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cable operators have been allowed to charge at will till December 2004;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government will be able to take a decision on CAS by that time; and

(d) if so, the details of the proposed CAS regulations?

National Policy for Senior citizens

*80. SHRI KNANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that India has around 77 million senior citizens (above the age of 60) and out of these, around 61 percent live below the poverty line or without any pension;

(b) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has a National Policy that promises to help elders to live the last phase of their lives with purpose, dignity and peace; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take to implement the policy and to safeguard lives and properties of the senior citizens?

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YOGENDRA NARAIN,
Secretary-General.

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