

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Monday, the April 7, 2003/Chaitra 17, 1925 (Saka)*

(Ministries: Commerce and Industry; Health and Family Welfare; Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises; Information and Broadcasting; Law and Justice; Parliamentary Affairs; Shipping; Social Justice and Empowerment; Tribal Affairs; Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation)

Total number of questions—20

#### FDI in India

\*341. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of foreign direct investment made in India during the last three financial years, year-wise; and

(b) the percentage of FDI made in India during above period in comparison to FDI made throughout the world?

#### Proposal to increase FDI ceiling

\*342. SHRI B. J. PANDA:  
MISS MABEL REBELLO:

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

(a) whether Government propose to bring a package of proposals to increase FDI ceiling;

(b) if so, the sectors which would be covered and the details of relaxation in norms for the purpose;

(c) whether civil aviation and telecom services would also be covered; and

(d) if so, whether it will not infringe with our security system?

#### Losses to DD

†\*343. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Doordarshan is incurring losses of crores of rupees;

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

(c) the action Government are taking in this regard?

#### Filling up the posts of Judges in Guwahati High Court

\*344. SHRI LALHMINGLIANA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any action has been taken by Government to fill up three posts of Judges in the Guwahati High Court which arose due to the transfer of Judges to other High Courts during mid 1990s by making new appointments or by repatriating the transferred Judges; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

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†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Export of mangoes**

\*345. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:  
SHRI K. KALAVENKATA  
RAO:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that India has tremendous potential to export mangoes to US, Japan and other far-east countries;
- (b) if so, the details of mangoes exported in the last three years, State-wise;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that India is facing several barriers because of treatment procedures;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps being taken by Government to overcome these non-tariff barriers?

**Chinese FDI proposals**

\*346. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY  
SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of  
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be  
pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government have put Chinese FDI proposals on hold; and
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor?

**TB patients in the country**

†\*347. SHRI ISAM SINGH: Will the  
Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY  
WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware that as per the latest WHO report, the number of TB patients in the country is reported to be the largest in the world;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the measures Government have taken to check the increasing number of such patients?

**Employment to disabled persons in  
Jharkhand**

\*348. SHRI ABHAY KANT  
PRASAD: Will the Minister of SOCIAL  
JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be  
pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have issued any order to various Ministries/Departments/agencies to give priority in employment to the disabled;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the action taken by Government in providing employment to disabled persons in Jharkhand as compared to other States?

**New guidelines to promote FDI**

\*349. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the  
Minister of COMMERCE AND  
INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have recently formulated some new guidelines with a view to promote FDI in various fields in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government have asked various Ministries to boost FDI on the basis of said guidelines; and
- (d) if so, the progress achieved as a result thereof?

**Cases pending in M.P. High Court and  
its Benches**

\*350. SHRI KAILASH JOSHI: Will  
the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be  
pleased to state:

- (a) the number of cases pending in the Madhya Pradesh High Court, Jabalpur and its Benches at Indore and Gwalior, Bench-wise;

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(b) the number of vacancies of Judges in these Benches till date and since how long these are lying vacant;

(c) the steps being taken to increase the strength of Judges and to fill the vacancies; and

(d) by when these are likely to be filled?

#### **Target for export of tea**

\*351. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any plan has been chalked out to revive the tea industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any target for export of tea has been fixed; and

(d) if so, the efforts made to meet the target?

#### **Trade between India and East-European countries**

\*352. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(ā) the quantum of trade between India and East-European countries during the last three years, item-wise and amount-wise;

(b) how many MoUs have been signed by Government with these countries, alongwith the details thereof; and

(c) the areas in which Government are promoting trade with these East-European countries, item-wise and targets fixed thereof?

#### **Assessment of demand of water in towns of Gujarat**

\*353. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have assessed the requirement and demand of water for different uses in the small towns of Gujarat and the availability of utilisable water in such towns of the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Central assistance has been made available to the State for the purpose during the last three years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, and results achieved therefrom, year-wise?

#### **Production of documentary films**

†\*354. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of fees Doordarshan charge on the proposal for the production of documentary films in the commission category and the extent of time being taken to accord approval;

(b) whether there is any special provision for Kashmir and the North-Eastern Region;

(c) the details of the proposals which are pending with the Director-General, Doordarshan for the last two years;

(d) whether it is a fact that the proposals are kept pending for unduly long time;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the steps proposed to be taken to remedy the situation?

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**Textile and agricultural markets in  
European Union**

\*355. SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMACHANDRAYYA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to the World Trade Organisation, the European Union has failed to make significant progress in opening its textile and agricultural markets to competition from overseas;

(b) if so, whether the periodical analysis of EU trade policy by WTO reinforces India's contention that the EU places significant barriers in access to its markets;

(c) whether India's textile and agriculture markets are greatly affected due to this EU decision; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken in this regard?

**Applications pending before Income  
Tax Appellate Tribunals**

\*356. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that thousands of applications/petitions are pending before various Income Tax Appellate Tribunals throughout the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action being taken to expedite the process?

**Import of Metro Rail technology from  
South Korea**

\*357. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are importing Metro Rail technology from South Korea;

(b) whether it is also a fact that our experts in the said technology have migrated to foreign countries; and

(c) if so, what incentives Government propose to offer to the Indian technologists abroad to return to India?

**CGHS card holders in Delhi, Mumbai,  
Kolkata and Chennai**

\*358. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of approved medical institutions from where CGHS card holders can receive treatment and be entitled for reimbursement from the CGHS authorities in Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai;

(b) the number of such card holders in these cities, city-wise;

(c) whether applications for according 'approved' status to a number of medical institutions in Kolkata is pending with the Central CGHS Authority; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action proposed to be taken thereon?

**Pesticides in packaged water**

\*359. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE:  
SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:

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

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report regarding WHO mum on deadly pesticides in packaged water;

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

(c) the steps, if any, proposed to be taken to reduce the pesticide content in the bottled water?

**Dues from producers for telecasting their TV serials**

\*360. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:  
SHRI BHAGATRAM  
MANHAR:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of producers owe huge sum of money to Doordarshan on account of telecasting fee for telecasting their serials;

(b) if so, the names and addresses of the producers with the details of telecasting fee due from them; and

(c) the action taken by Doordarshan to recover their dues from these producers?

NEW DELHI;  
*The 1st April, 2003*  
*Chaitra 11, 1925 (Saka)*

YOGENDRA NARAIN,  
*Secretary-General.*

**I N D E X**  
**(Ministry-wise)**

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