

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Tuesday, the May 7, 2002/Vaisakha 17, 1924 (Saka)*

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

Total number of questions—20

Cut in CNG supply to industrial units

*581. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Compressed Natural Gas supply to many industrial houses has been cut to meet its increased demand in Delhi;

(b) if so, the loss of production of industrial units with depleted CNG supply;

(c) by when the Indraprastha Gas Ltd. (I.G.L.) will be able to meet the full requirement of Delhi; and

(d) the steps taken to increase the supply of Compressed Natural Gas to industrial units?

Income tax dues from sports personalities

*582. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of income tax dues from sports personalities in the country for the last three years;

(b) the number of cricketers who were

assessed for income tax and the amount due from them for the last three years; and

(c) the details of tax paid under open inquiry made by the income tax department as reported in Deccan Herald dated 18th April, 2002?

Water share of Gujarat in Indus river

†*583. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Gujarat has demanded its share in water of river the Indus;

(b) if so, whether Government have so far given consideration to the demand; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, by when the same is likely to be considered?

Performance of oil companies in post APM regime

*584. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of public sector oil companies which would suffer loss in the

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month of April with the dismantling of APM from the first of April and his instructions to the oil companies to maintain the prices of petroleum products constantly;

(b) the amount of profit the stand-alone refineries in the private sector would make after dismantling of APM in the month of April; and

(c) in what manner Government propose to balance the increase in cost of crude oil and selling of petro products in the open market at international parity?

LPG agency at Tirupattur in Tamil Nadu

*585. SHRIMATI S. G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of problems faced by LPG consumers in Tirupattur and surrounding areas in Sivaganga district of Tamil Nadu due to non-availability of LPG agencies in that area;

(b) if so, whether LPG agencies are proposed to be set up at Tirupattur;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Excise duty on bicycle parts

*586. SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received representation from United Cycle and Parts Manufacturers' Association, Ludhiana (Punjab) requesting the Central Government to reconsider the imposition of excise duty on bicycle and its parts;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

I.T. return of M/s Buildmore India Ltd. and Skipper Corner

*587. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether M/s Buildmore India Limited, B1-A, Ajit Singh House, Plot No. 12, DDA Commercial Complex, Yusuf Sarai and Skipper Corner, 88 Nehru Place, New Delhi, are regularly filing IT returns and paying taxes;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last three years;

(c) whether there are large scale discrepancies in their returns as they are fleecing public by getting money from them and promising residential flats but not a single construction has been made by them nor they are returning money to public; if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, the action taken/proposed against them?

Development of tourist circuits

*588. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to develop three tourist circuits through foreign agencies;

(b) if so, what are the names of three circuits and by when the work on their development is likely to commence; and

(c) the work which will be entrusted to foreign agencies?

**Geetha Krishnan Committee Report
on expenditure reforms**

*589. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN:
SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED
KHAN (DURRU):

Will the Minister of FINANCE be
pleased to state:

(a) the broad features of the Geetha
Krishnan Committee Report on expenditure
reforms;

(b) whether it has *inter alia*
recommended reduction of staff in C and D
categories while it has been liberal in having
more official orientation in various
Ministries/Departments; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Water Asia International
Conference**

*590. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMA-
CHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of
WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Fourth Water Asia
International Conference and Exhibition on
Asian Water Industry was held on
January 30, 2002;

(b) if so, whether Government have
cautioned that unless the Governments, the
Industry and the people at large worked
together, India could be facing a severe water
scarcity in the near future;

(c) if so, the main subjects discussed in
the Conference; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take
to implement the decisions taken in the
Conference?

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Tourist resorts in NE Region

*591. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA:
Will the Minister of TOURISM AND
CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise tourism programmes
implemented in the NER with Central
funding during the Ninth Five Year Plan
indicating allocation, utilization and
achievement;

(b) the programmes planned for the Tenth
Five Year Plan; and

(c) the details of programmes and
procedure finalized to attract private
investment for developing tourist resorts in
the NER and achievements made so far?

**Taxes on processing of cotton and
ready-made garments**

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

Will the Minister of FINANCE be
pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that taxes have
been levied by Government at many levels
from the process of cotton production to
that of manufacturing of readymade
garments;

(b) if so, the details of those taxes and
their rates levied at present; and

(c) the likely increase in the pricing of
the readymade garments following the tax
determination percentage-wise?

Investigations against Jet Airways

*593. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the
Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased
to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has
been drawn to the news-item captioned "Jet
probed for underworld links" which

appeared in the Hindustan Times, New Delhi on 14th April, 2002;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto and action proposed to be taken to ground the Jet Airways; and

(c) whether Government propose to hand over the case to the CBI for detailed investigations and if not, the reasons therefor?

Awareness programme for utilization of ground water resources

*594. SHRI K. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Ground Water Authority has conducted or propose to conduct a nation-wide awareness programme for judicious and optimum utilization of ground water resources;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what measures the Authority has taken to prevent over-exploitation of ground water resources and for regulation and control of water development in the country?

Border Trade Centres

*595. SHRI RISHANG KEISHING: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Border Trade Centres opened in the North-Eastern Region, State-wise;

(b) the details of financial involvement in opening the Trade Centres; and

(c) the details of programmes initiated for development of Border Trade?

Tourism industry in India

*596. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been only 2.24 lakh tourists visiting the country in December 2001 as compared to 2.83 lakh in the same month last year registering thereby a fall of 21 per cent in the tourist flow;

(b) whether it is also a fact that India has the highest taxed tourism business as consumers pay nearly 40 per cent in luxury expenditure and sales tax in comparison to roughly 4 per cent in Thailand;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to make the Indian tourism industry a lucrative one?

Reference of sugar mills to BIFR for revival

*597. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the sugar mills referred to the Board for Industrial Finance and Reconstruction (BIFR) for revival and reconstruction since the inception of BIFR;

(b) the details of mills since closed down and those taken up for revival and restoration, State-wise and mill-wise; and

(c) the details of the terms of revival for each sugar unit and their present status?

Creation of Daftary post in RRBs

*598. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had advised all sponsoring banks in 1992 to create posts of

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Daftary in RRBs as existing in rural branches of commercial banks;

(b) if so, whether the State Bank of India has failed to create the same in all branches like other sponsored banks; if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the State Bank of India extended the Cashier incharge allowance in RRBs at industry level like other commercial banks; if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps proposed to rectify this contradictory stand in extending these two allowances?

VRS in Export Inspection Agency

*599. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Export Inspection Agency implemented Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS) in 1994 after an Internal Work Study (IWS);

(b) if so, the number of surplus staff as

per IWS and total number of staff who opted VRS;

(c) whether new appointments including that of an advisor were made after 2000; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor together with the details of appointments made, qualifications of the appointees and justification for each appointment in the light of the IWS?

Credit scheme of NABARD for rural women

*600. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether NABARD has introduced some exclusive schemes for rural women to provide easy credit to them for starting their ventures in non-farm products;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the status of these schemes in Andhra Pradesh?

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R.C. TRIPATHI,
Secretary-General.

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