RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on Wednesday, the May 7, 2003/Vaisakha 17, 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

Fencing at Indo-Bangla border

- *641. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the work of fencing of Indo-Bangla border is not progressing as per schedule;
- (b) if so, the total Km. of Indo-Bangla border fenced in its second phase work;
- (c) the reasons for delay in completion of the fencing work; and
- (d) the steps Government propose to take to speed up the task and to complete it within time frame?

Slow pace of power reforms

- *642. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:
- (a) the reasons for slow pace of reforms in the Power Sector;
- (b) whether this has been one of the main reasons for poor private sector response in power generation and transmission;
 - (c) if so, details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government to accelerate pace of reforms in the Power Sector?

Criminal cases against IAS/IPS officers

- *643. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:
- ', (a) the number of IAS and IPS officers against whom criminal cases are pending, State-wise;
- (b) the number of IAS and IPS officers in jail in each State;
- (c) the number of IAS and IPS officers on bail; and
- (d) the State-wise list of IAS and IPS officers absconding?

Rapid power development and reform programme

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

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government had initiated the Rapid Power Development and Reform Programme to improve the existing power scenario in the country;
 - (b) if so, when it was initiated;
- (c) the total number of projects of power sector under construction when the above programme was initiated along with production capacity thereof; and

(d) the total amount spent on the construction of these projects?

Construction of roads in Himachal Pradesh under PMGSY

- †*645. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) the length of road line for which Himachal Pradesh Government have provided funds for the construction thereof under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana during 2001-2002;
- (b) whether all the roads have appeared to be motorable and if not, the names of the roads remaining incomplete and time frame for the completion thereof;
- (c) whether Government propose to take action against the contractors for their slow pace of working; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

Suggestions of Members of Rajya Sabha in PMGSY

- *646. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) details of the new guidelines for roads under PMGSY schemes;
- (b) whether, the Rajya Sabha Members can suggest the road works under PMGSY schemes in their given nodal districts;
- (c) if so, whether directions have been issued in that connection:
 - (d) if not, the reasons therefor:
- (e) whether any recommendation/ suggestion of Rajya Sabha Members has been ignored in Karnataka;
- (f) if so, the steps Government propose to take to honour the suggestions of Rajya Sabha Members also; and
 - (g) the details thereof?

Assistance to SSI Units by PFC

- *647. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Power Finance Corporation (PFC) are delaying in providing financial loan assistance to SSI Units;
- (b) if so, how many cases received from SSI Units for loan assistance are pending with PFC for disbursement of loan for more than six months, company/unit-wise where loan assistance asked for is below Rs. five crores; and
- (c) the reasons for delay in providing loan assistance especially when power reforms in the country are in full-swing?

World Bank loan for power reforms in Orissa

- *648. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:
- (a) whether World Bank has pledged a loan of \$ 350 million for power reforms in Orissa and whether this loan has now been slashed; if so, how much, as reported in the media:
- (b) whether the State Government has approached the Centre for help in payment of this loan; and
- (c) whether this has since been paid in full or in instalments; if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Survey of Christians in Gujarat

*649. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that All India Christian Council have

[†]Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

condemned the Gujarat Government's move to conduct a survey of Christians living in the State;

- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action proposed to be taken by the Central Government in this regard?

Raising of special operations' forces

*650. SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA:

DR. ABRAR AHMED:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have decided to raise special operations' forces; if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the training of special forces will be undertaken in close coordination with some foreign countries; and
 - (c) if so, the details thereof?

Phasing out of textile quota

- *651. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of TEXTILES bepleased to state:
- (a) whether the European Union is going to stick by its commitment to phase out quota for textiles by the end of December, 2004;
- (b) whether the USA has also assured the Government of India to phase out textile quota by 2004; and
- (c) if so, how it helps to boost the textile exports of India to EU and USA?

Hydel power situation in Kerala

- *652. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government are aware that Kerala is facing its worst crisis in the hydel power sector in the last fifteen years;
- (b) if so, the action taken to provide more power to Kerala;

- (c) whether Kerala is utilizing only the run-off of 9,000 mcm for power generation from a utilizable run-off of 42,000 mcm;
- (d) whether action is proposed to be initiated to increase storage system for power generation;
 - (e) if so, the details thereof; and
 - (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Deportation of criminals to India

*653. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: SHRI MOOL CHAND MEENA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been a good response from UAE in regard to deportations of more criminals to India;
- (b) if so, whether India has not been in a position to get the criminals deported from Pakistan only;
- (c) whether various countries have agreed for deportation of terrorists and criminals in those countries;
- (d) if so, which are the countries where India has forwarded the lists of criminals;
- (e) how many of them have so far responded;
- (f) the countries which have not responded;
- (g) the total number of criminals listed by India in various countries; and
- (h) what is the progress made in this regard?

Standard bidding document in PMGSY

*654. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to draw up a standard bidding document to

ensure full enforcement of the guidelines for the implementation of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana;

- (b) if so, whether the document prescribed for the use of executing agencies of PMGSY was circulated to the States last week of March, 2003;
- (c) if so, what are the main guidelines issued; and
- (d) to what extent these documents prescribed by the Centre would help in checking the misuse of funds for implementing these schemes?

Utilisation of funds

- *655. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has not been able to utilise funds allocated to it in the Budget for the last many years;
- (b) if so, the quantum of funds which remained unutilised for the last three years ending 31st March, 2003, year-wise and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to ensure full utilisation of funds allocated to the Ministry and the services in the Budget?

All Women Police Battalions

*656. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are considering a proposal to raise Women Battalions in all Central and State Police Forces;
- (b) if so, whether any groundwork has been prepared in this direction;
- (c) the names of the States that have proposed an All Women Police Battalion; and

(d) by when the proposal is likely to be implemented?

Crime rate in South Delhi

*657. MISS MABEL REBELLO: SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether South Delhi is the most prone to crime in the capital;
- (b) whether South Delhi constitutes 19 per cent to the overall crime rate in Delhi as reported in the media; if so, the details of crime figures of this area during 2002; and
- (c) whether this goes against the claim of Delhi Police that the crime rate has come down in the area?

Fresh talks with Naga rebel leaders

*658. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a fresh round of talks have recently been held with Naga rebel leaders;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the talks have been conducted within the scope of the Indian Constitution and if not, the reasons therefor; and
 - (d) the results of the talks, if any?

Raipur-Rourkela power grid

- *659. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the Raipur-Rourkela power grid has become operational;

- (b) if so, by when it is likely to be commissioned; and
- (c) how this would help Maharashtra to overcome its power crisis?

DDP in Rajasthan

*660. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) progress made in the implementation

- of Desert Development Programme in the State of Rajasthan during the last three years;
- (b) the details of Budget allocated for this project for the years 2000-2001, 2001-2002 and 2002-2003;
- (c) whether any targets were fixed for the implementation of this project; and
- (d) the details of achievements made under the said programme?

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YOGENDRA NARAIN, Secretary-General.

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