

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Wednesday, the July 7, 2004/Asadha 16, 1926 (Saka)*

**(Ministries: Coal and Mines; Defence; Home Affairs; Non-Conventional
Energy Sources; Power; Rural Development; Textiles; Youth Affairs and
Sports)**

Total number of questions—20

Priorities in the power sector

*41. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRIMATI JAMANA DEVI
BARUPAL:

Will the Minister of POWER be
pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Ministry of
Power has listed five priorities in the
power sector during 2004-05;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether rural electrification is one
of the priorities of the Government; and

(d) if so, what are the steps being
considered to be taken in this regard during
2004-05?

Steps to bring holistic development in rural areas

*42. PROF. ALKA BALRAM
KSHATRIYA:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of RURAL
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to
bring about holistic development and
overall improvement in the quality of life
in rural areas;

(b) if so, whether Government have
identified that marketing is a major
bottleneck in rural artisans' upliftment and
has decided to hold an exhibition of
products made by self-help groups at
regional and national level; and

(c) if so, the extent to which it has been
helpful?

Snags in Jaguar engine

*43. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA
SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of
DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether complaints of snag in the
engine of Jaguar aircraft have been reported;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken to remove the
defects immediately ?

Hydel project in Kerala

*44. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI:
SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government received any proposal for setting up of a Hydel project at Patrakkadavu in Kerala;

(b) if so, whether necessary sanctions were granted to the project; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Poll related violence in different parts of the country

*45. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been number of incidents of poll related violence in different parts of the country during Lok Sabha and Assembly elections during April-May, 2004;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the persons responsible in each case together with number of persons killed and injured and compensation paid;

(c) whether such incidents could not be prevented while sufficient security personnel were deployed for the polls; and

(d) the lessons learnt from these incidents and the steps proposed to be taken to prevent such incidents?

66 Hawk Trainers for IAF

*46. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have approved British-made 66 Hawk Trainers for IAF;

(b) if so, the details of the agreement

entered into between Government and the Royal Air Force;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the British Aero Space is asking for US\$ 50 million for 'man-hour design work';

(d) if so, whether it is also a fact that British Aero Space is of the view that if man-hour design work charges are not paid, the deal would be scrapped and it will not stick to committed price and timing; and

(e) if so, the steps Government are taking or propose to take for smooth execution of the agreement?

Construction of sports facilities in Himachal Pradesh

†*47. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Himachal Pradesh has forwarded estimates under various schemes of the Ministry in accordance with the guidelines of the Central Government to construct Athletic Tracks, Indoor Stadia and Sports Academy in Kangra, Bilaspur, Hamirpur and Una districts during the last two years along with the request for financial assistance therefor;

(b) if so, the dates thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government on the said proposals so far?

New 100 days employment scheme

*48. SHRIMATI JAMANA DEVI BARUPAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to start a new 100 days employment coordinated programme;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) if so, whether Centre has earmarked an approximate Rs. 20,000 crores annually for the programme;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) by when it is likely to be announced; and

(e) the details of its implementation?

Electrification with the help of solar energy in Assam

*49. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages in the State of Assam that have been electrified with the help of solar energy schemes during the years 2001-02 and 2002-03;

(b) what is the potential of electricity connections using solar energy in the State; and

(c) how much funds have been allotted to the State under the Solar Village Electrification Scheme during the last year?

Theft of encrypted communication codes from DRDO unit, Delhi

*50. SHRIMATI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA
RAO:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on October 4-5, 2003, the Indian Defence establishments encrypted communication codes have been stolen from DRDO unit at Delhi;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the theft took place about twelve months ago but till date the codes have not been changed; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

Slow pace of power reforms

*51. SMT. VANGA GEETHA:
SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA
SEKARREDDY:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether reforms process in the power sector has slowed down:

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the remedial steps taken in the matter?

Power generation and T.&D losses

*52. SHRI MANOJ BHATTA-CHARYA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the total power generation and T.&D losses, year-wise and State-wise, during the last three years in respect of Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Madhya Pradesh, Uttaranchal and West Bengal;

(b) the steps taken to augment power generation and prevent T.&D losses during this period; and

(c) the success achieved in this regard?

Review of rural development schemes

†*53. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently reviewed the rural development schemes for their effective implementation;

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(b) if so, the names and details of such schemes; and

(c) the targets set for each of the schemes?

Deputy Chief of Army Staff for Indian Army

*54. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to create a post of Deputy Chief of Army Staff for Information Systems and Training for the Indian Army;

(b) if so, whether it is part of the modernisation process of the Army; and

(c) how will this help in creating confidence among its cadre?

Conference of Sports Ministers to spot rural talent in sports

*55. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had called a conference of all Sports Ministers from different States in the country to try to find ways to spot latent talent amongst youths in villages and rural areas for selecting them for representing the country;

(b) if so, when was such a conference held;

(c) what were the decisions taken at the conference; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to implement the recommendations of the conference?

Electrification of villages with the help of solar energy

†*56. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL : Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of villages to be electrified during Tenth Five Year Plan with the help of solar energy;

(b) the number of proposals pending with Government for approval for electrification of villages with the help of solar energy and State-wise/proposal-wise details of such proposals along with the date of pendency of such proposals;

(c) the reasons for pendency of such proposals with Government;

(d) whether Government have taken any necessary action so far for granting approval to the said proposals; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Financial closure of power projects

*57. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA: DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ten power projects with a combined generating capacity of 9732 mw. and an investment of over Rs. 36,000 crores are expecting financial closure by the end of June this year;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that another eight projects with total generating capacity of 2201.8 mw. are already financially closed; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and what steps Government propose to take to help

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these power projects to come out of financial closure?

Use of sophisticated technology by terrorists

*58. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that security personnel have seized a "card bomb" from a militant hideout in Poonch district of Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) whether Government are aware of the fact that the terrorists are using sophisticated technology in preparing bombs like card bomb, cricket bomb and pen bomb etc.; and

(c) what are the preparations of Government to counter international terrorism of this order?

Low priority accorded to poverty alleviation programme

*59. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that poverty

alleviation programme has been given a low priority;

(b) if so, the progress made under the Integrated Rural Development Programme meant for the poorest of the poor;

(c) the shortcomings detected in the Food for Work programme; and

(d) the steps taken to use surplus grain for the poorest of the poor?

Accident in Baniadih Colliery, Giridih

*60. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many persons were killed and injured on 28th May, 2004 in a caved-in coal mine at Baniadih Colliery in Giridih;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount of compensation paid to the next of kin of the deceased and steps taken to prevent recurrence of such incidents?

NEW DELHI;
The 1st July, 2004

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YOGENDRA NARAIN,
Secretary-General.

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