

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Wednesday, the August 7, 2002/Sravana 16, 1924 (Saka)*

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

Total number of questions—20

Electricity generated by various fuels

†*341. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH
'LALAN':

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that water, nuclear energy, coal, naptha, oil, gas and husk of sugarcane are used as fuel for generation of electricity in the country;

(b) if not, the different kinds of material used for generating electricity during March, 2000 to March, 2002; and

(c) the average cost of electricity generated by each of the above mentioned material used?

Involvement of Panchayati Raj Institutions in disaster management

*342. SHRI LALU PRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have taken some steps to involve the Panchayati Raj Institutions and urban local bodies in the mitigation and management of disasters; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Hike in investment in power sector

*343. SHRIMATI S. G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to make large investments in power sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Tamil Nadu is being included in such investments;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Criminal justice system

*344. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY
SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have constituted Malimath Committee to revamp the criminal justice system in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the terms of reference of the Committee; and

(d) by when the Committee is going to submit its report?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Officials involved in Tehalka case

*345. SHRI SHANKAR ROY-CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the progress and present position in respect of the departmental enquiry ordered by the Ministry of Defence regarding involvement of non-military officials of the Ministry in the "Tehalka" case;

(b) whether any culpability has been arrived at;

(c) if so, what action has been taken/is proposed to be taken against those found culpable;

(d) if not, by when the enquiry is to be completed; and

(e) in the interim, restrictions placed on promotions and transfers of those officials who are *prima facie* involved?

MIG-23 crash in Punjab

†*346. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a MIG-23 aircraft crashed on 25th June, 2002, in the district of Kishanpura Kalan in Punjab;

(b) if so, whether an inquiry has been ordered into the incident; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Early warning system in cyclone/ earthquake prone areas

*347. SHRI B. J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have installed early warning system in the cyclone or earthquake prone areas to forewarn the public about the impending danger, specially after the super cyclone of Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the financial assistance received from the foreign agencies for development or rehabilitation schemes in Orissa after the recent super-cyclone and the development and rehabilitation projects completed or undergoing and the amount so far spent on each such projects?

Strategy for WTO meet

*348. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: SHRI RUMANDLA RAMA-CHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the strategies proposed for the next round of WTO talks on textile beginning from July 16, 2002; and

(b) the formula devised for negotiations with major trading partners in textiles including the European Union countries and the US?

Flesh trade in women hostels in Delhi

*349. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newspaper report titled "Girls in hostels enticed into flesh trade" appearing in the 'Asian Age', New Delhi on 7th July, 2002;

(b) if so, what is the total number of private women hostels operating in different posh localities in Delhi/New Delhi;

(c) whether young women are forced into flesh trade by the owners of these hostels; and

(d) if so, the total number of cases registered so far against the owners of these hostels?

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Official war history

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

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a committee set-up by the Defence Ministry has recommended that official war history be made public especially after the mandatory 30-year confidential clause has lapsed;

(b) if so, by when it is likely to be made public;

(c) what are the other recommendations made by the committee; and

(d) whether Government have accepted the recommendations made by the Committee?

Pension to 1965 and 1971 war-widows

*351. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:
SHRIMATI S. G. INDIRA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the women widowed during the 1965 and 1971 wars have petitioned against the discriminatory pension rules as reported in the Times of India dated 13th July, 2002;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to remove various anomalies in the pension rules and provide other facilities to war widows; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Small hydro-electric projects

*352. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the local people are being involved in the operation and maintenance of the small hydro electricity projects in different States;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how many MW of electricity is being produced in the small hydro-electricity projects nationally?

Power shortage in the country

*353. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the power deficit in the country, State-wise, during last three years;

(b) the reasons for power shortage in the country;

(c) the additional power generation targeted and achieved during the Eighth and Ninth Five Year Plan; and

(d) the steps taken to solve the problem of power deficit during the Tenth Five Year Plan?

Import of power from Nepal

*354. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Power Trading Corporation of India Limited has started negotiations with the Nepal Electricity Authority for import of surplus power from the neighbouring country;

(b) if so, the outcome of the talks held;

(c) the total import of power made during 2001-2002 by PTC from Nepal; and

(d) the agreement reached for import of power during the year 2002-2003?

Consumption of electricity

†*355. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH
'LALAN':

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the percentage consumption of electricity has increased in agriculture and domestic sector during the years 1996-97 to 2001-2002 whereas there is decrease in industrial sector;

(b) if so, the percentage of electricity consumed in agriculture, domestic and industrial sectors separately during the above period; and

(c) the average sale price of electricity on national level in each sector?

Holding courts in prisons

*356. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Police has recommended that Magistrates should hold courts in the prison itself to obviate the problems faced by Delhi Police while transferring undertrials to courts;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to accept the recommendation made by Delhi Police;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government are considering alternate proposals on dispersing speedy justice to the undertrials?

Terrorist activities in Konkan coast

*357. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item published in the 'Indian Express' dated 9th July, 2002, under the caption "Konkan coast: 600-km invitation to terror";

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

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to address the various problems and bottlenecks mentioned in the news article regarding growing number of terrorist activities?

Survey regarding BPL people

*358. SHRI RAMACHANDRA
KHUNTIA:
SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the survey regarding Below Poverty Line (BPL) has been completed;

(b) if so, the outcome of this survey, State-wise; and

(c) if not, by when it would finally be completed?

National Hydroelectric Power Corporation Projects

†*359. SHRI HARENDRA SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the project-wise and period-wise

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details of the projects targeted to be commissioned by the National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) during the Tenth Five Year Plan;

(b) the estimated expenditure to be incurred on the said projects and the sources from where these resources are to be mobilised; and

(c) the additional capacity of power in terms of megawatt to be added by these projects?

Bio-data bank for prevention of crime

*360. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY:
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any mechanism at National level like centralised citizen bio-data bank to prevent crime and benami transactions at inter-State level;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether Government propose to set up such a mechanism?

NEW DELHI;
The 1st August, 2002
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R.C. TRIPATHI,
Secretary-General.

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(Ministry-wise)

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