

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Friday, the March 8, 2002/Phalguna 17, 1923 (Saka)*

(Ministries: Agriculture; Chemicals and Fertilizers; Environment and Forests;
Food Processing Industries; Human Resource Development;
Ocean Development; Railways; Science and Technology;
Steel; Youth Affairs and Sports)

Total number of questions—20

Cases against cricket players

*121. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Enforcement Directorate has formally closed the cases against the cricket players involved in match fixing; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for this decision?

Closure of Dunkan industries

†*122. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Dunkan industries at Kanpur are on the verge of closure;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, what measures are being taken for smooth operation of the industries ?

Administrative exploitation of KVS teachers/employees

†*123. SHRI R. N. ARYA:
SHRI D. P. YADAV:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether complaints of administrative exploitation of teachers/employees belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Other Backward Classes in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan have been received by the Government/Ministry/Organisation;

(b) if so, the division-wise, category-wise, vidyalaya-wise details of complaints received during the last three years, including the Jaipur Division;

(c) the details of action taken by Sangathan/Government against the accused persons in each case; if not, the justification thereof; and

(d) the steps likely to be taken in each of these matters, separately?

DPEP in Jharkhand

*124. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of districts in Jharkhand where District Primary Education Programme (DPEP) is being implemented at present;

(b) the criteria for selection of districts and to monitor the progress under DPEP in each district of the State;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(c) whether Government have monitored the progress made under this programme in each district of the State;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the funds allocated for each district of the State under the Programme; and

(f) the steps proposed by Government to attract more students to get benefits under this Programme?

Crime against women in trains

*125. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that crime against women in trains have increased; and

(b) if so, the details of such crimes and harassment for the years 2000-2001 and 2001-2002?

Failure of computers during rail reservations

*126. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether no alternative arrangement exists in the Railways to tell the position of reservations, in case of computer failure;

(b) if so, whether Government have made any arrangements to avoid inconvenience to passengers in such situations;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when the alternate arrangement would be made by Government to tell the position of reservations, in case of computer failure?

Recovery of licence fee/royalty by IIP, Dehradun

*127. SHRI P. N. SIVA: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Institute of Petroleum, Dehradun, was expected to develop around 45 technologies during 1994—2000 ;

(b) if so, whether during this period, IIP could transfer only 23 technologies, including 14 developed prior to 1994 and failed to recover royalty/licence fee worth Rs. 2.94 crore in 16 cases;

(c) if so, whether such failure was due to non-inclusion of penalty clauses in the transfer agreements; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Inflow of hazardous steel scrap

*128. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the inflow of huge quantity of hazardous steel scrap from the debris of the World Trade Centre, New York, into India recently, in violation of the accepted environment norms;

(b) whether any communication on above subject has been received from the Centre of Indian Trade Unions, during January-February, 2002; and

(c) if so, the action taken in this regard?

Malpractices in NOS examinations

*129. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been widespread

criticism of the conduct of examinations under the National Open School system;

(b) if so, the malpractices reported during the last two years; and

(c) the action taken to conduct examinations under the National Open School system, more seriously?

Modern telescope in Laddakh

*130. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are thinking of setting-up of the world's most modern telescope in Laddakh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether approval of the Planning Commission had been sought for this purpose;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Value addition to maize

*131. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have under-rated maize cultivation, in comparison to wheat and paddy;

(b) whether maize is being perceived as fit for cattle/poultry feed only; if so, whether Government would explore the possibilities of value addition to maize, to make it fit for human consumption;

(c) whether India has presently 6.3 mt/hectares of land under maize cultivation, yielding an annual crop of 11.5 mt. tonnes,

with an yield of only 1.76 tonnes/hectare, as compared to 8.4 tonnes/hectare in US and Mexico; and

(d) if so, whether Government would propagate cultivation of hybrid/genetically modified varieties of maize?

Retrenchment of employees in SAIL

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

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Steel Authority of India Limited, has considered the new proposal of reducing the number of employees, to do away with the expenses;

(b) if so, whether a decision is being taken to relieve 16,000 employees by March, 2003;

(c) if so, the details in this regard; and

(d) which posts and the number of persons holding the same, who are to be relieved?

Raksha Kavatch to prevent rail accidents

†*133. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Raksha Kavatch system adopted by Government to prevent rail collisions has withstood all the tests;

(b) if so, whether the position regarding rail accidents has improved after this system was dedicated to the nation; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard?

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Amount for Total Literacy Mission in Arunachal Pradesh

*134. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of amount released for education under Total Literacy Mission in Arunachal Pradesh during the last three years;

(b) the total number of persons made fully literate in the State during that period; and

(c) the details of targets fixed by Government for the State and those which have been fulfilled?

Acceptance/rejection of Baldev Mahajan Committee recommendations

*135. SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Baldev Mahajan Committee's recommendations, accepted by the Board of Governors of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan in 2000, were rejected in 2001, without even implementing the same; and

(b) if so, the details and the rationale of such decision of the Board?

Education Officers without B.Ed. degree in KVS

*136. SHRI ABDUL GAIYUR QURESHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are many such Education Officers in the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan who had not secured the B.Ed. degree, before their appointment to the post;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons and justification of their selection, without an essential qualification for this post?

Import of pulses

*137. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of pulses imported by India in 2000-2001; and

(b) what was the reason for the imports, despite huge domestic production of pulses and peas?

Stray wild animals

*138. SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM: SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU):

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of leopards, tigers and lions, having strayed from forests into human habitations or fields, were killed by villagers in Assam, Maharashtra and other States during 1998-99, 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002;

(b) if so, the number of such killings of these beasts; and

(c) the steps taken to protect such stray and protected animals?

Blast furnace of IISCO

*139. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 897, given in the Rajya Sabha on the 30th July, 2001 and state:

(a) the specific technical measures taken

so far, for the hearth strengthening of blast furnace No. 3 at IISCO;

(b) the status of relining of blast furnace No. 4;

(c) whether Government are going to assure necessary measures in blast furnace Nos. 3 and 4, so that operations at IISCO are not affected till the implementation of the proposed revival scheme; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Quality of teaching

*140. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that thousands of arts, science and engineering colleges are becoming workshops that maintain no quality or standard of teaching;

(b) whether it is a fact that graduates coming out of these colleges are unemployable, without any skills; and

(c) whether Government have any plan to improve the quality of education so that the engineering and other technical students, when they come out of the colleges, are really equipped with skills and are at once employable?

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R.C. TRIPATHI,
Secretary-General.

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