

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Wednesday, the March 8, 2006/Phalguna 17, 1927 (Saka)*

(Ministries: Commerce and Industry; Defence; Home Affairs; Labour and
Employment; Rural Development; Textiles)

Total number of questions — 20

ASEAN-India Summit

*241. SHRI HARISH RAWAT:
SHRI SANTOSH
BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what follow-up action Government
have taken so far after the Fourth ASEAN-
India Summit held in December 2005 which
was attended by the Prime Minister of
India;

(b) whether there was any headway
towards opening of more gateways along
the Indo-Myanmar Border to facilitate
development of the North Eastern Region;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if reply to part (b) above be in the
negative, the reasons therefor?

Hoax call regarding bomb in Parliament House

†*242. SHRI VASANT CHAVAN: Will
the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be
pleased to state:

(a) whether an E-mail was received with
regard to the rumour of a bomb planted in
the Parliament House;

(b) if so, whether accused have been
caught; and

(c) the details of the terrorist
organization working behind the said
rumour/E-mail?

Ratio of manufacturing sector to GDP

†*243. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER
SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the last
decade contribution of the manufacturing
sector to the Gross Domestic Product
remained between 15 per cent to 17 per
cent;

(b) if not, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that during
the current decade Government have fixed
a target to increase its contribution; and

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(d) if so, the details thereof?

Guidelines for FDI in retail trade

†*244. SHRIMATI KAMLA
MANHAR:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR
JOSHI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government
have issued guidelines for FDI in retail trade
of 'single brand' products;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the companies which have filed their
applications with the Department of
Industrial Policy and Promotions (DIPP)
for prior approval with the names of
'brands'?

MIG-21 crashes

*245. SHRIPRASANTA CHATTERJEE:
Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased
to state:

(a) the number of accidents/crashes met
by MIG-21 during the period 1999-2005,
year-wise; and

(b) the reasons for such accidents/
crashes?

**Non-deposit of employer's EPF share
by contractors**

*246. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the
Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number
of contractors do not deposit regularly/
properly the employer's share of EPF
contribution and as a result thereof, workers
are unable to get the benefits of their EPF
contributions;

(b) if so, the details thereof including
the number of defaulting contractors and
the number of the affected contract workers
in each State; and

(c) the steps being taken by
Government in this regard?

Uniform labour policy

†*247. DR. MURLI MANOHAR
JOSHI:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the country
needs a uniform labour policy acceptable
to all;

(b) if so, Governments' reaction thereto;

(c) whether it is also a fact that different
labour laws have been implemented by
different departments in the name of labour
reforms; and

(d) if so, the details of such departments
indicating the variation in labour laws
applicable therein?

**Unorganised Sector Worker's Social
Security Scheme**

*248. SHRI CHITTABRATA
MAJUMDAR:
SHRI DIPANKAR
MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the
Unorganised Sector Worker's Social
Security Scheme launched by his Ministry
during 2004;

(b) how many members have been
enrolled under the said scheme and the
amount of contributions realized; and

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(c) how much expenditure has been incurred so far for implementing the said scheme?

Abolition of child Labour

*249. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:
SHRIMATI KAMLA
MANHAR:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to abolish child labour in the country within a time bound programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have received any financial aid from the World Bank, International Labour Organisation and UNICEF for abolition of child labour; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and to what extent these financial aids are found to be helpful in achieving the goal?

Allocation for Indira Awaas Yojana

*250. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA
SEKAR REDDY:
SHRIMATI VANGA
GEETHA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have increased allocation under Indira Awaas Yojana to Rs. 2750 crores as against Rs. 2500 crores in the last year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have targeted 14.41 lakh houses to be constructed in 2005-06;

(d) if so, the present status in this regard;

(e) whether Government have also

envisaged free power connections in the IAY houses under Rajiv Gandhi Gramin Vidyutikaran Yojana in collaboration with Ministry of Power;

(f) if so, the details thereof;

(g) whether Government have also taken initiatives for display of the permanent IAY wait list in the villages; and

(h) if so, the details thereof?

Attack on NMDC, Hiroli (Chhattisgarh) by Maoists

†*251. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that maoists had killed many personnel of CISF and looted weapons on the 7th February 2006 by attacking a PSU, National Mineral Development Corporation, Hiroli (Chhattisgarh); and

(b) if so, the details of the measures being taken by Government for security of this area in future?

SEZ by Essar Steel at Hazira

*252. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether M/S Essar Steel has proposed to set up a Special Economic Zone at Hazira in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the special features thereof;

(c) Government's response thereto; and

(d) the details of the SEZs being set up by the private sector and the steps being taken by Government to ensure a balanced development of the country?

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Fund for paper industry

*253. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether paper industry has requested for a fund in line with the Textile Upgradation Fund;

(b) if so, whether any decision has been taken in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

De-mining of landmines and traps

*254. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether landmines and booby traps are laid in the paths, villages and fruit orchids in Manipur resulting in loss of human lives and live stock;

(b) if so, the number of people killed during the uphill task of demining these landmines and traps till date; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

Talks with ULFA and NDFB

*255. SHRI URKHAO GWRA
BRAHMA:
SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is stalemate in the peace process with United Liberation Front of Assam (ULFA);

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that another armed outfit namely, National Democratic Front of Bodoland (NDFB) is already under

cease fire and expressed willingness for negotiated settlement; and

(d) if so, by when the formal talks are expected to take place?

Need to broadbase the Committee set up for stamping and marking

*256. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:
SHRI SANTOSH
BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that handloom and powerloom sectors have no representation in the committee formed by the Textile Commissioner to finalize the stamping and marking, despite contributing 90 per cent of fabrics manufactured in the country;

(b) whether Government have received any representation from the Merchant's Chamber of Commerce to reconstitute the said committee to make the same broad based;

(c) if so, what action Government have taken thereon; and

(d) if replies to parts (b) and (c) above be in the negative, the reasons therefor?

Duty Entitlement Passbook benefits for Titanium dioxide

*257. SHRI N.K. PREMA-
CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the products of Titanium dioxide for which the "duty entitlement passbook benefits" is not existing and the industrial establishment in Kerala which produces such products;

(b) the quantity of Titanium dioxide reutile grade exported during the current year and the quantity exported during the last year; and

(c) whether Government propose to amend the policy and extend the benefit of Duty Entitlement Passbook to the Titanium dioxide reutile grade produced by KMML in Kerala?

Filling of SC, ST and OBC vacancies

*258. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have proposed any special drive for employment exchanges to fill up the vacancies for SCs, STs and OBCs in Government and PSUs;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Review of working of the MCD and NDMC

†*259. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

had reviewed the working of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi and New Delhi Municipal Council in the month of February, 2006;

(b) if so, the sectors whose working was discussed during the course of said review;

(c) whether the comments of various courts that law be enforced on all equally were also discussed in the course of this review; and

(d) if so, the followup decision taken by Government?

Import of timber from Myanmar

*260. SHRI R.K. ANAND:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a trade delegation from India recently visited Myanmar to explore the possibility of import of timber through land-route;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof;

(c) whether the Free Trade Agreement among the members of BIMST-EC (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi Sectoral Technical and Economic Co-operation) has been finalized; and

(d) if not, by when it is likely to be finalized?

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YOGENDRA NARAIN,
Secretary-General.

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