

## 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 8, 2002/Vaisakha 18, 1924 (Saka)*

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

**Total number of questions—20**

#### **Use of water resources for generating hydro-electric power in North Eastern States**

\*601. SHRI DRUPAD BOR-GOHAIN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to utilise the vast water resources for generating hydro-electric power in North Eastern States;

(b) whether any decision has been taken on Siang (Dihang) project in the catchment area of the Brahmaputra in Arunachal Pradesh;

(c) whether the Brahmaputra Board has been consulted in this regard; and

(d) the present status of Tipaimukh project in Manipur?

#### **Implementation of Parbati Hydro- electric Project**

\*602. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what progress has so far been made in the implementation of the Parbati Hydro-electric Project (2051 MW);

(b) the share of power allocation from the project to Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh and other States and on what terms;

(c) whether there still persists any dispute about the allocations of power among the States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government to resolve the dispute as per the Memorandum of Understanding signed in the beginning of 1992?

#### **Delay in development of indigenous LCA and upgradation of MIG-21**

\*603. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been inordinate delay in development of indigenous Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) and upgradation of MIG-21 aircraft;

(b) whether it is a fact that due to this delay the Indian Air Force has suffered a lot in air crashes and killings of pilots; and

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

**Decline in export of cotton yarn**

†\*604. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the export of cotton yarn has declined considerably;

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to promote the export of cotton yarn; and

(c) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Infiltration of terrorists from Nepal and Bangladesh**

\*605. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the North-Eastern and Eastern States were recently alerted about the possible infiltration of hard core terrorists from Nepal and Bangladesh;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether the concerned State Governments have beefed up security in their respective territories as per the advice of the Central Government;

(d) whether the Central Government have taken up the matter with Nepal and Bangladesh in this regard; and

(e) if so, their reaction and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Agreement between India and China for cornering international silk market**

\*606. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether during the meeting between a nine member high-level delegation from China and officials of the Union Textiles Ministry in New Delhi in March, 2002, China has suggested to India to synergise each other's strong points in the area of silk so that they can jointly corner a significant part of the growing international silk market;

(b) whether both the countries have signed an agreement in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Amendment of Constitution for providing regional reservation in Karnataka**

\*607. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Karnataka has forwarded a proposal for amendment of the Constitution for providing regional reservation in Karnataka in the fields of education, employment etc.;

(b) if so, the details of the action taken in this regard; and

(c) whether any similar requests have been received by the Ministry from other States, if so the details thereof?

**Assessment of expenditure incurred on transmission of power**

†\*608. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:  
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH  
'LALAN':

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made an assessment with regard to expenditure incurred on transmission of power in various States of the country;

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(b) if so, the expenditure incurred by each State on transmission of each unit of power;

(c) whether this expenditure can be reduced by improving technology; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Money given under Local Area Development Fund by MCL in Orissa**

\*609. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the total money given by Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL) for Local Area Development Fund in Sambalpur, Deogarh, Angul and Dhenkanal districts of Orissa during the last three years;

(b) whether MCL follows certain codified rules for distribution of money under Local Area Development Fund;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Guidelines to tow away vehicles by Delhi Traffic Police**

\*610. SHRI GANDHI AZAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the detailed guidelines for Delhi Traffic Police for towing away vehicles by cranes;

(b) whether there are many cases when vehicles have been towed away while the driver is sitting at the wheel or vehicles were parked where it did not pose any parking problem or violate any rule;

(c) if so, whether this is done to benefit the crane owners, who are mostly senior

officers of Delhi Police by extracting crane charges from the drivers of such vehicles; and

(d) the action Government propose to take in the matter against erring crane operators and Traffic Police personnel?

**ISI plan to disturb peace in Punjab**

†\*611. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:  
SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the news-item published under the caption "Ab naxali hinsa ko mil rahi hai ISI ki baisakhi", which appeared at page 15 of 'Dainik Jagran' dated the 25th March, 2002;

(b) whether Government are also aware that ISI is also trying to re-establish its links with the terrorists of Punjab;

(c) if so, the steps Government have taken to deal with the situation; and

(d) the results achieved so far?

**Fake residency certificates**

\*612. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO:  
SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether racket of issue of fake residency certificates to army recruits have come to light;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken to probe the matter and ensure that anti-national elements do not infiltrate into the armed forces?

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**Destruction of armoured tanks in fire at Sonukhshetra, Rajasthan**

†\*613. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the armoured tanks kept in a military complex at Sonukhshetra of Jaisalmer district of Rajasthan have been destroyed due to fire incident there;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the said fire incident was an act of terrorists; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take to save ammunition/armament Depots from such fires?

**Scientific investigation of warfare practices in Kautilya's Arthshastra**

\*614. SHRI C. RAMA-CHANDRAIAH:  
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY  
SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the DRDO funded a project to unlock Arthshastra's warfare secrets;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the scientists from the University of Pune were given the task of unlocking Book XIV of Arthshastra;

(c) if so, whether the research on this project has since started; and

(d) if so, the progress of research made so far?

**Utilisation of foodgrains allotted to States under Food for Work Programme**

\*615. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMA-CHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have allotted additional four lakh tonnes of rice to the States under the Food for Work Programme;

(b) if so, the States which have fully utilised these foodgrains;

(c) whether any report has been received from the State Governments for utilisation of these additional foodgrains; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

**Report of the Commission of Inquiry on the disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose**

\*616. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether fresh Commission of Inquiry headed by a retired judge of the Supreme Court of India on disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose has submitted its report; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Profits/losses of textile mills**

†\*617. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to revive the closed textile mills;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of textile mills in the country at present and the number of them earning profits and those making losses; and

(d) the reasons for their making losses?

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**Indo-US military ties**

\*618. SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as part of the continuing efforts to foster closer Indo-US military ties, think-tanks of both the countries have teamed up for regular interaction;

(b) if so, whether the National Defence University of the US and Delhi-based Institute of Defence Studies and Analysis (IDSA) have evolved an institutionalized mechanism to keep in touch;

(c) if so, whether an IDSA team led by its director visited the US to draw up a blueprint for regular interaction and exchange of information; and

(d) if so, to what extent it has helped both India and the US?

**Funds sanctioned under PMGSY to Punjab**

\*619. SHRI BALWANT SINGH  
RAMOOWALIA:  
SHRIMATI SHABANA AZMI:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount sanctioned and approved for Punjab by the Central Government under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana during the financial year 2001-2002 indicating the names of roads and the amount sanctioned for each road till date;

(b) whether the construction of roads has already started, if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether it is a fact that funds earmarked under PMGSY have been diverted by State Government to other heads/projects?

**Closure of powerloom units**

†\*620. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:  
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH  
'LALAN':

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received reports of closing down of powerlooms in various States in the country;

(b) if so, what is the number of the powerloom units closed during the last three years in Punjab, Maharashtra and Chennai; and

(c) the reasons for their closure?

NEW DELHI;  
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*Vaisakha 12, 1924 (Saka)*

R. C. TRIPATHI,  
*Secretary-General.*

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