

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS
to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Thursday, the May 8, 2003/Vaisakha 18, 1925 (Saka)

(Ministries : Prime Minister; Agro and Rural Industries; Atomic Energy;
Communications and Information Technology; Consumer Affairs, Food and
Public Distribution; Development of North Eastern Region; Disinvestment;
External Affairs; Labour; Planning; Road Transport and Highways; Small
Scale Industries; Space; Statistics and Programme Implementation)

Total number of questions—20

Indo-Bangla migrants issue

*661. SHRI K. B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Bangladesh have agreed to solve the migrants issue on the basis of their 1992 joint communique;

(b) whether Dhaka has consistently and resolutely denied existence of its citizen on the Indian soil;

(c) if so, whether India has presented detailed documentary proof in this regard; and

(d) if so, Bangladesh Government's reaction thereto?

Mobile telephone facility

*662. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain regions in the country are still deprived of the mobile telephone facility;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken to provide these areas with such facilities?

BSNL's commercial operation in A.P.

*663. SHRI S.M. LAL JAN BASHA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that BSNL has not rationalised its commercial operations in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) what is the new system for payment of bills which are delayed by a few days;

(c) whether it is a fact that customers have to travel 70 miles or more to pay bills which are delayed;

(d) whether it is also a fact that BSNL has not shown enough management skills to avoid such situations; and

(e) the steps proposed to review the existing system regarding payment of telephone bills which are over due?

CBI cases

*664. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of CBI cases decided during the last three years;

(b) the number of persons tried in those cases; and

(c) the number of persons acquitted?

Outstanding dues of sugarcane growers in Uttar Pradesh

†*665. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:

SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the outstanding dues of sugarcane growers against the sugar mills in Uttar Pradesh, as on date, together with the dues pertaining to the previous year;

(b) the number of private, co-operative and Government sugar mills in Uttar Pradesh together with the number of mills which are in operation;

(c) the rate of sugarcane being paid to the farmers and the facilities provided by Government to sugar mills;

(d) whether Government have received complaints regarding non-purchasing of the entire sugarcane; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government in this regard?

Allocation of ten per cent of budget to NER

†*666. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of Departments/Ministries are not allocating ten per cent of their budget earmarked for the development of the North Eastern Region;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action being taken against such Departments/Ministries?

Workers' participation in management

*667. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY:
SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intend to bring a legislation for increasing workers' participation in management;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when such a legislation is likely to be brought before the Parliament?

Coastal highway along NH-214 in Andhra Pradesh

*668. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh Government has requested to take up laying of a parallel coastal highway to NH-214 connecting major towns;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken thereon?

Drinking Water Supply Programme

*669. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether under the Prime Minister's Gramodaya Yojana, Drinking Water Supply Programme has been introduced recently in some States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the allocations made for the implementation of the programme;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(d) whether the arsenic affected areas in several parts of the country would be benefited by this programme; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

MPLADS funds for works in unauthorised settlements

*670. SHRI B. P. APTE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the roads, streets, drainage and water pipes can be constructed out of MPLADS funds in the unauthorised settlements in Delhi; and

(b) whether the guidelines of the Centre and Delhi State Government are at variance on the above subject?

Sanctions on Pakistan

*671. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether US has imposed sanctions on Pakistan;

(b) if so, whether US got a report that Pakistan has indulged in proliferation of nuclear technology;

(c) whether US has provided proof to the Pakistan on these charges;

(d) if so, whether this would have a greater implication on India's security; and

(e) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

Rate of interest on EPF

*672. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any move to reduce the present rate of interest on the Employees Provident Fund from 9 to 8 per cent;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of the schemes and Government's plans for reinvestment of the huge funds available with the organisation; and

(d) its impact on the employees and the Unions' reaction to the proposed slash in the interest rate?

UN Charter's approval for military action

*673. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that according to the UN Secretary-General's statement in Hague on the 10th March any military action outside the Council would not be in conformity with the UN Charter;

(b) if so, in what manner the UN Charter deals with such a situation if it actually happens; and

(c) Government's views in this regard and the diplomatic steps it visualises to avoid such a situation and for maintaining universal peace?

Foodgrains in Central Pool

*674. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of rice and wheat lying in Central Pool since last five years, year-wise and what is the present stock position;

(b) the reasons for keeping the old stock for such a long period;

(c) the quantity of stock which has

become unfit for human consumption and also reduced due to pilferage, etc.; and

(d) the quantity of stocks required to be maintained annually as per the norms?

Telephone system in Delhi

†*675. SHRI LAJPAT RAI:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a comprehensive improvement is required in telephone system in Delhi;

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

(c) whether Government have formulated any scheme to bring this system to the international level; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Foodgrains and sugar for BPL people in U.P.

*676. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of foodgrains and sugar released for distribution through the PDS for the Below Poverty Line families in Uttar Pradesh during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the number of such families Below Poverty Line in Uttar Pradesh at present and the steps taken by Government to ensure that no families Below Poverty Line are left out of this scheme; and

(c) the rates at which foodgrains and

sugar are made available under this scheme at present?

Communication services in Jharkhand

†*677. SHRI ABHAY KANT PRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of sub-standard level of the essential services like Post, Telegraph and Telecommunication in Jharkhand;

(b) whether there is a need to improve the above services in the State; and

(c) if so, what instructions have been issued for improvement of these services?

Procurement of foodgrains in Bihar

†*678. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY : Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of FCI centres in Bihar for procuring foodgrains at support price alongwith their location;

(b) the target of procurement for the last year and current year alongwith the details of procurement as on date;

(c) whether procurement of foodgrains is far behind the target and procurement at some centres is negligible; and

(d) if so, the action being taken by Government to meet the target?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

India Development Relief Fund

*679. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA
RAO: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the US State
Department has asked the Justice
Department to look into the irregularities
that are taking place in the India
Development Relief Fund;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the funds received under
the India Development Relief Fund since
its inception; year-wise; and

(d) the details of utilisation thereof?

**Schemes to refinance and restructure
SSIs**

*680. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE
INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to
launch schemes to refinance and
restructure small and medium
enterprises in order to encourage and
boost their growth in accordance with
the proposal drawn by the National
Small Scale Industries Corporation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when it would be implemented?

NEW DELHI;
The 2nd May, 2003

YOGENDRA NARAIN
Secretary-General

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(Ministry-wise)

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