

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Thursday, the August 8, 2002/Sravana 17, 1924 (Saka)*

(Ministries: Prime Minister; Agro and Rural Industries; Atomic Energy;  
Communications and Information Technology; Consumer Affairs,  
Food and Public Distribution; External Affairs; Labour;  
Parliamentary Affairs; Personnel, Public Grievances and  
Pensions; Planning; Road Transport and Highways;  
Small Scale Industries; Space; Statistics and  
Programme Implementation)

Total number of questions—20

#### Labour abuse

\*361. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item "India rapped on Labour abuse" published in the 'Times of India' dated the 20th June, 2002; and

(b) if so, Government's response thereto?

#### Expansion of Delhi-Haridwar National Highway

†\*362. SHRI HARENDRA SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of vehicles plying per day on Delhi-Haridwar National Highway No. 58;

(b) whether Government are considering to expand this highway into six lane in view of heavy traffic;

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith

the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon; and

(d) by when the said work is likely to be completed?

#### Clearance of nuclear power plants

\*363. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the major nuclear power plants cleared by Government and by when these plants would be able to produce power;

(b) whether the power produced by nuclear plants in Tamil Nadu can satisfy the southern States through Southern Power Grid, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government have received any complaints about the nuclear reactors which are used in nuclear power plants; if so, the details thereof and the action that has been initiated to rectify the system?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Independent bodies involved in checking corruption**

\*364. SHRIMATI N. P. DURGA:  
DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to restructure all independent bodies which are involved in checking corruption;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures taken to check corruption in high places?

**Retrenchment of workers**

\*365. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that retrenchment of workers was more witnessed during the last financial year in comparison to previous three years;

(b) if so, the details of retrenchment during the previous three years;

(c) the reasons behind increase in retrenchment process; and

(d) the measures proposed by Government to improve the industrial scenario in the country?

**Penalty imposed by courts in U.P.**

†\*366. SHRI GHANSHYAM  
CHANDRA KHARWAR:  
SHRI D.P. YADAV:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 4531 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 9th May, 2002 and state:

(a) the details of the action taken by

Government against TDM and SDO who were found guilty by the court; and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) the names and designations of those officers and employees out of the thirteen cases who have been penalised by the court; and

(c) the details of the strictures passed by the court against such officers/employees?

**Laying of telephone cables**

†\*367. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 170 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 14th March, 2002 and state:

(a) the names and designations of the 15 officers against whom disciplinary action is being taken;

(b) the names of the officers who have been suspended;

(c) the names of the contractors against whom orders for excess payment were issued alongwith the amount to be recovered;

(d) whether pace of the action is very slow and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) by when the action would be completed?

**Investment of PF money into stock market**

\*368. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Board of Trustees of the Employees Provident Fund Organisation have made any inquiry into the allegation of PF money investment in the stock market; and

(b) if so, the findings thereof?

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**Remittance of EPF contribution to employees account**

\*369. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that about 40 per cent (Rs. 796.97 crore) of the total Employees Provident Fund contribution for the year and arrears (Rs. 1981.07 crore) was remitted by the employers to the employees account, as on the 31st March, 2001;

(b) what is the position of such remittance as on the 31st March, 2002; and

(c) what action Government have taken against the management of the companies which have not deposited their contribution, company-wise?

**STD facility on VPT connections**

†\*370. SHRI D.P. YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any provision for not providing STD facility on VPT connections;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that officers of some of the districts are providing STD facility on VPTs (W.L.L.) connections while some other officers refuse to do so when requested by villagers; and

(d) if so, the justification therefor?

**Four lane traffic way from Changalpattu and Nagercoil**

\*371. SHRI B.S. GNANADESIKAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether steps have been taken by Government to extend the four lane traffic way from Changalpattu to Nagercoil; and

(b) if so, the time limit fixed for the purpose?

**Reaction of foreign countries over Gujarat carnage**

\*372. SHRI M.V. RAJASHEKHARAN: DR. VIJAY MALLYA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some countries have officially expressed their anguish over Godhara and its related communal riots in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the names of the countries and summary of their communications;

(c) whether Government have assured them of taking serious action against the people involved in riots; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Golden Quadrilateral Project**

\*373. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Golden Quadrilateral Project connecting Delhi, Kolkata, Chennai and Mumbai, which was to be completed by December, 2003, has now been delayed due to land acquisition problem and law and order situation in some States; and

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(b) if so, the details thereof and the likely date of its completion?

**Universal Service Obligation in basic telephony**

\*374. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:  
SHRI BHAGATRAM  
MANHAR:

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

(a) what are the recommendations of the TRAI and Attorney General of India with regard to Universal Service Obligation (USO) in basic telephony as per the National Telecom Policy of 1999; and

(b) where do the recommendations of the TRAI and Attorney General of India, stand in the year 2002 as far as USO and village telephony is concerned?

**Budget for printing challan forms**

\*375. SHRI B. P. SINGHAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the annual budget for printing challan forms for use in Employees Provident Fund;

(b) the number of forms provided per year;

(c) the number of forms received per year;

(d) whether it is a fact that the Department concerned is not able to supply forms to the depositors and they have to print it on their own; and

(e) if so, whether Government would rectify this position?

**Regional security pact**

\*376. SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the new regional security pact signed between China, Russia and Post-Soviet Central Asian States it has been decided to fight terrorism and create an arch of stability across Eurasia;

(b) if so, whether these countries have asked Pakistan to put an end to terrorist activities coming from its territory and directed towards India;

(c) whether the new Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) unites China, Russia, Kazakhstan and others are setting up a single security organisation; and

(d) if so, whether this has been welcomed by India?

**Construction of godowns in Madhya Pradesh**

\*377. SHRI KAILASH JOSHI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated/released/spent for construction of godowns and warehouses to Government of Madhya Pradesh during the last three years, alongwith the number of godowns constructed/under construction;

(b) the details of the cases where Central funds were misused/diverted;

(c) whether any investigation in this regard has been made, if so, the results thereof; and

(d) the responsibility, if any, fixed and the action taken thereon and if not, the reasons therefor?

**SSIs in Rajasthan**

\*378. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:  
SHRI JHUMUK LAL  
BHENDIA:

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

(a) whether her Ministry has sought special grants from the Ministry of Commerce to benefit the small scale industries in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any schemes are under operation to promote the small scale industries in the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Storage/transport of foodgrains**

†\*379. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent by the Food Corporation of India on purchase, storage and transportation for per quintal of foodgrains during 2000-2001, 2001-2002, and as on date;

(b) whether the cost of transportation and storage of foodgrains is continuously increasing; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps being taken by Government to contain this trend?

**Recommendations of Justice Talwar Committee**

†\*380. SHRIMATI JAMANA DEVI BARUPAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are contemplating to implement the recommendations of Justice Talwar Committee with regard to status, pension, trade union facilities for three lakh employees engaged in postal services in rural areas;

(b) if so, by when; and

(c) if not, what remedial measures Government are considering in the interest of these employees?

NEW DELHI;  
*The 2nd August, 2002*  
*Shravana 11, 1924 (Saka)*

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

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