

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Monday, the August 8, 2005/Sravana 17, 1927 (Saka)*

(Ministries : Culture; Development of North Eastern Region; Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises; Human Resource Development; Information and Broadcasting; Law and Justice; Mines; Parliamentary Affairs; Social Justice and Empowerment; Tribal Affairs; Urban Development; Urban Employment and Poverty Alleviation)

Total number of questions — 20

Status of expelled Members

*201. SHRI PYARIMOHAN MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain eventualities such as expulsion of Members from political parties have not been provided for in the Tenth Schedule of the Constitution; and

(b) if so, whether Government are contemplating to bring in any amendment in this regard?

Cultural complex in Tamil Nadu

*202. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have not chosen Tamil Nadu for setting up of Multi-purpose cultural complex as the Tamil region has been one of the very old settlements in the world having thousands of temples;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of the multi-purpose

cultural complexes sanctioned so far in the country; and

(d) the details of the multi-purpose cultural complexes proposed by Government?

Wakf Board's claim on heritage monuments

†*203. SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain Wakf Boards have claimed their rights on certain heritage sites, monuments and places, on the pretext of existence of religious symbols like mosque, graves and prayer leading to an atmosphere of widespread reaction and concern in the country;

(b) if so, the steps and legal remedies Government propose against such baseless, irresponsible and unconstitutional claims; and

(c) the justification for existence of religious Wakf Boards in a democratic secular country and the alternative

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arrangement proposed by Government for maintenance of the religious places and wakf estates in the event of winding up of such religious Wakf Boards?

Recognition as backward classes

†*204. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Commission for Backward Classes examines all the applications for granting recognition as backward classes; and

(b) if so, the number of applications received so far and those pending with the Commission at present, State-wise?

FM radio policy phase II

*205. SHRI N.K. PREMA-CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government implemented the policy of phase II of FM radio;

(b) if so, the number of the cities brought under the new phase;

(c) the number of the frequencies of 1st phase which have been activated and the reasons, if any, for the unsustainability thereof; and

(d) whether Government have permitted the private radios to broadcast news and other current affairs programmes?

States share in Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan

†*206. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRI JANARDAN DWIVEDI:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Governments are not contributing their share of 25 per cent for the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan sponsored by Government;

(b) if so, the States which had not given their contribution for the programme during the last three years; and

(c) the contribution from all the States during the last five years under this programme, year-wise?

Irregularities in Mid-Day Meal Scheme

*207. DR. NARAYAN SINGH MANAKLAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several irregularities such as pilferage, manipulation of the record of delivery and utilisation of ration and funds etc., have been brought out by media recently in the current state of Mid-Day Meal Scheme in Government run primary schools;

(b) if so, the details of the irregularities detected and the remedial measures taken/proposed to be taken in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that in most of the schools, the teachers, instead of teaching, are cooking the mid-day meal; and

(d) if so, the remedial steps taken in this regard?

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Non-utilization of funds for Higher Education

*208. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the schemes for higher education are suffering due to non-utilization of the available resources;

(b) the funds allocated to the State Government/NGOs during the last three years indicating the details of the funds lying unspent with them; and

(c) the measures taken by Government to ensure cent per cent utilisation of the funds?

Schools for children in Handloom industry

*209. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that children working in the Handloom industry and most of the children living in slums doing odd jobs in small shops do not have access to schools;

(b) if so, whether Government have prepared any plan to educate such children and whether Government would implement the scheme of door step schools, or schools on wheels; and

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

Directions issued to PSUs

*210. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have issued directions from time to time to the managements of the enterprises in public sector (PSUs);

(b) the number of the directions issued indicating those generally applicable to all PSUs and those specific ones for particular PSUs, PSU-wise, consolidated year-wise since 1998-99 till the 30th June, 2005;

(c) whether any review of such directions has been carried out from time to time especially with a view to distinguish those directions which tend to impinge autonomy of the management with other;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Setting up of Minority Commission/ Advisory Committees

†*211. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the States in which the Minority Commission/Advisory Committee has been constituted by the National Minority Commission;

(b) the number of the States in which such commission/committee has not been constituted so far; and

(c) the reasons therefor?

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Literacy rate

*212. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the current literacy rate of the country and that of the States, State-wise;

(b) whether the country is still lagging behind many developing countries in terms of literacy rate;

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government during the last two years and those proposed to be taken to increase the literacy rate;

(d) whether it is a fact that female literacy rate is less than the male literacy rate; and

(e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, and the steps being taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

Limit on election expenditure

†*213. SHRIMATI PREMA

CARIAPPA:

SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Election Commission has given any suggestion to Government for fixing a limit of expenditure by the political parties on elections also, as was done for the individual candidate;

(b) whether Government have also received other suggestions from the Election Commission; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

Affairs of CPWD

*214. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether despite having a 7000 strong technical workforce for competitive construction and designing work, the CPWD has engaged a private consultant to modernize the department;

(b) whether CPWD works are mostly allotted to the private contractors rendering the regular workforce idle and unproductive;

(c) whether CPWD is technically competent to provide consultancy and turn-key jobs to DDA, HUDCO etc.; and

(d) if so, whether CPWD has provided any such service so far?

Penalty for Sonia Vihar Plant

*215. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government would have to pay Rs. 2.3 lakhs per day as penalty to the multi-national company Degremont if Sonia Vihar Plant is not made operational;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps have been initiated to provide water to the residents of Delhi?

Vacancies in Supreme Court

*216. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Supreme Court Judges who have either retired or are due to retire this year;

(b) whether Government have completed its exercise to fill up the resultant vacancies expeditiously;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when the appointments are likely to be finalized?

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**Ali Yavar Jung National Institute for
Hearing Handicapped**

*217. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA:
Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE
AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to
state:

(a) the academic courses offered at the
Ali Yavar Jung National Institute for
Hearing Handicapped in Mumbai;

(b) whether any review has been done
keeping in view the need to expand the
number of courses offered by the institute;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether its branches would be set
up in different places; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas

*218. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN:
MAULANA OBAIDULLAH
KHAN AZMI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be
pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred
Question 17 given in the Rajya Sabha on
the 25th July, 2005 and state:

(a) the details of the Kasturba Gandhi
Balika Vidyalayas in Delhi where English
medium is not available in Arts stream at
10+2 level;

(b) the reasons therefor and the steps
being taken in the matter;

(c) the details of such schools where

Science and Commerce streams are not
available;

(d) the reasons therefor and the action
being taken in the matter; and

(e) by when, the above facilities would
be provided?

Deemed University Status

*219. SHRI R. KAMARAJ: Will the
Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian
Law Institute has been conferred Deemed
University status;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the other institutes to which
Government had conferred Deemed
University status recently;

(d) whether it is also a fact that many
applications seeking deemed university
status had been rejected by Government;
and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Committee for reconstitution of
Prasar Bharati**

†*220. SHRI JANARDAN
DWIVEDI:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION
AND BROADCASTING be pleased to
state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a committee

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was constituted in April, 2005 for reconstitution of Prasar Bharati;

(b) if so, the composition of the said committee and by when the committee has been asked to submit its report;

(c) whether the delay in reconstitution of Prasar Bharati is affecting the functioning of Doordarshan and Akashwani also; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken by Government for speedy reconstitution of Prasar Bharati?

NEW DELHI;
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Sravana 11, 1927 (Saka)

YOGENDRA NARAIN,
Secretary-General.

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