

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Wednesday, the December 8, 2004/Agrahayana 17, 1926 (Saka)*

**(Ministries: Defence; Home Affairs; Non-Conventional Energy Sources;
Power; Rural Development; Textiles; Youth Affairs and Sports)**

Total number of questions—20

Steps to increase employment opportunities in rural areas

*101. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated number of unemployed persons in rural areas of the country particularly in Maharashtra;

(b) whether any evaluation of the Central Government's programmes to increase employment opportunities in the rural areas in the country has been made by the Union Government; and

(c) if so, the outcome thereof?

Selection criteria for Arjuna Awards

†*102. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria of selection for Arjuna Awards;

(b) the reaction of Ministry regarding doubts expressed by renowned sportspersons every year over the transparency adopted for the selection of awards;

(c) whether Government are taking any step to avoid such controversies; and

(d) whether it is a fact that despite showing good performance, some deserving sportspersons are deprived of Awards?

Militant efforts to sneak into J&K

*103. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that militants in Pakistan Occupied Kashmir have recently stepped up their efforts to sneak into Jammu and Kashmir valley; and

(b) if so, how many infiltrators have actually been killed by the Armed Forces and how many of them have sneaked in Jammu and Kashmir during the last two months?

Bifurcation of Northern and Southern regions of PGCIL

*104. SHRI CHITTABRATA MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Northern region and Southern region of Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. (PGCIL) were bifurcated in two sub-regions;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for bifurcation;

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- (c) whether there is a similar plan to bifurcate other regions also; and
 (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Pension to Freedom Fighters

*105. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a scheme for payment of pension to Freedom Fighters had been introduced at the inception of our Republic;

(b) the salient details of the scheme so introduced especially eligibility criteria, rate of pension per individual/dependents, mode of payment etc., and revision, if any, made therein till date;

(c) whether the Freedom Fighters belonging to Azad Hind Fauz (INA) were equally eligible to the pension scheme at its very inception or at subsequent stage;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the reasons for their exclusion from the Freedom Fighters' Pension facility at the inception of the scheme?

R&D projects on hydrogen energy

*106. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a plan has been formulated to support some R&D projects, recommended by the National Hydrogen Energy Board, on different aspects of hydrogen energy, including production, storage and utilization of hydrogen as a fuel; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the time-frame fixed and financial allocations made, project-wise?

Assistance to Orissa for relief system in natural calamities

*107. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
 MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Orissa proposes to develop permanent relief system during natural calamities to control casualties and other damages;

(b) if so, the details of the project;

(c) whether Centre propose to render support both financial and physical to the State for execution of the above project; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Grant under Accelerated Power Development and Improvement Programme

†*108. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether under the Accelerated Power Development and Improvement Programme, the Ministry provides 50 per cent of the project cost for improvement of sub-transmission and distribution networks of which 50 per cent is provided in the form of grant and 50 per cent of loan;

(b) whether, in view of various steps taken by the Government of Rajasthan for reforms in the Power sector, the Central Government have any plan to provide the 90 per cent of the allocation amount in the form of grant and 10 per cent in the form of loan under this scheme; and

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

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Dual citizenship to NRIs

†*109. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government propose to provide dual citizenship to Non-Resident Indians residing abroad;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) by when final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Participation of STs in Army, Navy and Air Force

*110. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the participation rate of Scheduled Tribes in Army, Navy and Air Force is poor;
- (b) whether separate data of number of STs in Defence forces is maintained; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Naxalites rise and menace in Karnataka

*111. DR. VIJAY MALLYA:
SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware about rise in Naxalite activities in Karnataka in Chikmagalur and Mangalore districts, spread over Western Ghats area;
- (b) if so, what are the steps taken to prevent naxalite activities;
- (c) whether the living of Tribal people in those areas is being disturbed and dislocated; and
- (d) what are the steps taken by the State Government to rehabilitate these Tribals?

Implementation of PMGSY

*112. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB PEEVEE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the States where Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana has not been implemented/extended so far; and
- (b) the status of schemes under PMGSY in Kerala?

Impact of infiltration from Bangladesh

†*113. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) what action is being taken by Government to tackle the social and political problems in the North Eastern States and West Bengal due to the infiltration of millions of Bangladeshis;
- (b) whether the illegal intrusion from Bangladesh is the reason behind the recent terrorist violence in the North Eastern States;
- (c) whether Centre has prepared any integrated scheme with the help of these States in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Power generation through Wind and Solar Energy

†*114. SHRIMATI KUM KUMRAI: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details in megawatts of power generated in the country through Solar and Wind Energy during the last three years; and

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(b) the places where Solar and Wind Energy are being used alongwith number of people who are making use of said energy?

Proposal for a National programme to exploit solar energy

†*115. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state whether Government propose to make a nation wide programme to exploit solar energy so that the villages in remote areas could be benefited?

Migration of rural labour

*116. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are planning to launch a new scheme for discouraging migration of rural labour;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have identified the pockets of such migration in the country; and

(d) whether Government propose to consult the States before launching such scheme?

National Rural Employment Guarantee Bill

*117. SHRI MURLI DEORA:
SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce National Rural Employment Guarantee Bill during the Winter Session;

(b) if so, the salient features of the draft Bill;

(c) the amount required for the implementation of this scheme; and

(d) whether States would also share the burden of this scheme and if so, the percentage thereof and whether the scheme would be applicable in those States too who are incapable of contributing?

Kidnapping of children for organ theft

*118. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to media reports on the kidnapping of children by organized gangs for organ theft;

(b) if so, the States where such gangs are active; and

(c) what action has been taken to protect the children by the Centre and the concerned States?

Loss of textile exports

*119. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India which was in the forefront in textile exports has largely lost its textile exports in the world market; and

(b) whether Government have gone into the causes for such loss of textile exports and evolve a new policy and strategy to regain its lost position in the world market; and if so, the details thereof?

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**Setting up of Commissions to look
into Centre-State relations**

*120. PROF. ALKA BALRAM

KSHATRIYA:

SHRI GIREESH KUMAR
SANGHI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to
set up two Commissions to look into
Centre-State relations including issues like

sharing of river water and to examine
administrative reforms which were
reviewed four decades ago;

(b) what are the main reasons for the
same and to what extent it will be different
than the earlier one;

(c) by when final decision in regard to
setting up of two Commissions is likely to
be taken; and

(d) by what time, the Commissions are
likely to submit their reports?

NEW DELHI;
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YOGENDRA NARAIN,
Secretary-General.

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