

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Thursday, the March 9, 2006/Phalguna 18, 1927 (Saka)*

(Ministries: Prime Minister; Atomic Energy; Coal; External Affairs; Non-Conventional Energy Sources; Ocean Development; Overseas Indian Affairs; Panchayati Raj; Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Planning; Power; Science and Technology; Shipping, Road Transport and Highways; Space; Statistics and Programme Implementation; Urban Development; Urban Employment and Poverty Alleviation; Youth Affairs and Sports)

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JNNURM in Mumbai

†*261. SHRI VASANT CHAVAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether funds have been allocated for damaged buildings in Mumbai under the Jawahar Lal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM);

(b) if so, the amount of funds that have been allocated under this Mission;

(c) the number of old buildings that would be renovated under it; and

(d) if not, whether Government are considering this subject?

Upgradation of coastline ports in Gujarat

*262. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that though Gujarat has 25 per cent of the country's coastline with many ports and all sections of the coastal highway along this coast has not been upgraded to National Highway; and

(b) if so, the time envisaged for this upgradation?

Application of advanced technology in space activities

*263. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) where do we stand in the application of advanced technology in space activities in comparison with the developed/developing countries;

(b) whether our objective to use space technology as an instrument for socio-economic development of people has been achieved;

(c) whether the process of finding out the natural resources like water, forest,

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minerals, other potentialities of every State has been completed; and

(d) if so, how many States have used such information?

Outsourcing services in the process of issue of visas

*264. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the services in the process of issue of visas in some countries have been outsourced in view of huge demand;

(b) if so, the countries and the type of service outsourced for the purpose;

(c) the other countries where a similar action is proposed to be taken;

(d) whether enough security considerations were taken into account before allowing outsourcing; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Sports potential amongst youth of NER

†*265. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the boys and girls of the North-Eastern States have the potential to become a good sportsperson;

(b) if so, whether there is any scheme under the consideration to establish a sports academy in that region with a view to exploit the sports potential;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Telecast of achievements in S&T

*266. SHRI DARA SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has tied up with National Geographic Channel to produce and telecast a range of programmes showing the achievements made in different disciplines of science and technology in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the length of films proposed to be produced;

(d) the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon; and

(e) the time by which the said films are likely to be telecast?

Legislation to regulate MPLADS

*267. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to enact a legislation to regulate Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme in view of the discovery of certain corrupt practices being resorted to; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

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Preparation for Commonwealth Games

†*268. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made adequate preparations for organizing Commonwealth Games;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of construction work carried out so far alongwith the amount spent by Government?

Availability of drinking water in Delhi

*269. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the minimum requirement of drinking water in Delhi is not being fulfilled;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the per capita availability of water during the last one year; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to provide adequate safe drinking water to the residents of Delhi during this summer?

Rejuvenation of culturally significant cities

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there was a proposal to rejuvenate culturally significant cities;

(b) if so, whether that proposal has run through;

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay in finalizing the same;

(d) whether Vrindavan, Giriraj, Barsana, Nand Gaon, Kokila Van, etc. located in Uttar Pradesh are culturally significant cities; and

(e) if so, the steps taken to develop them including the roads from national highways?

BPL lists based on 2001 census

*271. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any deadline to make available Below Poverty Line (BPL) lists in States on the basis of 2001 census;

(b) whether Government are aware that because of non-availability of BPL lists, the implementation of poverty alleviation is being affected; and

(c) if so, whether any steps are being considered to make BPL lists available at the earliest?

LTC rules for Government servants

*272. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government servants cannot travel by private airlines for LTC purpose;

(b) if so, the details of relevant orders and guidelines in this regard;

(c) whether it is a fact that Secretaries/ Heads in Government/autonomous bodies/ PSUs have powers to relax the rules for travel in private airlines;

(d) if so, the circumstances for such relaxation and the details in any of cases in

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which such departures/relaxations have been noted; and

(e) if not, the steps Government have taken from time to time to inform/advise, Secretaries/Heads to desist from such decisions?

Indians working in foreign countries

*273. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government maintain any register of Indian citizens working in foreign countries;

(b) if so, whether the Indian Commissions abroad are given the list of such people employed in the respective country; and

(c) whether there is any mechanism in place for monitoring their working conditions abroad?

Bamboo Mission

*274. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under the Bamboo Mission, Government have earmarked funds for assistance to Non-Government Organizations/private bodies for innovative work in the development of Bamboo application;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of the organizations to whom funds have been sanctioned indicating the names of the project work along with funds sanctioned;

(d) the names of the organizations whose applications have been kept pending together with the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether any application has been rejected; if so, the reasons therefor?

Mauda Thermal Power Plant in Nagpur

*275. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the steps that have been taken and progress so far been made for implementation of the 1000 MW-coal based Mauda Thermal Power Plant in Nagpur;

(b) the expenditure so far incurred thereon and by when the same is likely to be completed; and

(c) whether any specific difficulties are being faced presently in this project?

Increasing population in urban areas

†*276. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether keeping in view the increasing population in the urban areas due to exodus from rural areas, there is a need to develop each and every city having population more than 10 lakhs under the Master Plan;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) the names of the cities having a population of more than 10 lakhs where development work is being undertaken under the Master Plan at present; and

(d) the percentage of such cities in comparison to the cities having population of 10 lakhs in the country?

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DDA housing schemes

†*277. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER
SINGH MAJITHA:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR
JOSHI:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that registration was done by the DDA for houses under several schemes in the year 1979;

(b) if so, the total number of applicants that were registered;

(c) the number of registered persons who have been allotted houses upto the 31st December, 2005; and

(d) the number of schemes registered in the year 1979, and how many of them have been cancelled mid way?

Electronic monitoring of fund utilization at Panchayati Raj Institutions

*278. SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS
BAL APTE:
SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether electronic monitoring of fund utilization at Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) is being done by Government;

(b) if so, whether the State Governments have given approval in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Centrally sponsored District Rural Development Agency (DRDA) is being merged with PRI;

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(e) if so, the reasons therefor;

(f) whether Government have sought views of different State Governments in this regard; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

Permanent seat in Security Council

†*279. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH:
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Japan is opposing the move to grant permanent membership to India, Germany and Brazil in the Security Council of the United Nations Organisation;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the mutual co-operation in different fields between India and Japan is likely to be adversely affected; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

Implementation of Akshay Urja Dukan

†*280. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any scheme of public participation in the development of "Akshay Urja Dukan";

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the names of the districts and the States where this scheme would be implemented and by when?

YOGENDRA NARAIN,
Secretary-General.

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