

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Wednesday, the April 9, 2003/Chaitra 19, 1925 (Saka)*

(Ministries: Coal; Defence; Home Affairs; Mines; Non-Conventional Energy  
Sources; Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Power; Rural  
Development; Textiles)

Total number of questions—20

#### Housing in U.P. under I.A.Y.

†\*381. SHRI DARA SINGH  
CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of RURAL  
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people belonging to  
Scheduled Castes who have been provided  
housing facilities under Indira Awas Yojana  
in Azamgarh and Mau districts of U.P.  
during the last three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that there are a lot  
of poor families who don't have any housing  
facility and Government are finding it  
difficult to provide them complete housing  
facilities; and

(c) whether Government would issue  
necessary directions to State Government  
for providing funds to all the poor families  
so that they can get housing facilities in time?

#### Special package for development of J & K

\*382. SHRI T. S. BAJWA: Will the  
Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased  
to state:

(a) whether Government have  
announced any special package for  
development of Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount spent on different sectors  
during the year 2002-03?

#### Threatening of terrorist strikes by terrorist outfit

†\*383. SHRIMATI SAVITA  
SHARDA: Will the Minister of HOME  
AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether terrorist outfit 'Lashkar-e-  
Taiba' has threatened to carry out a fresh  
series of terrorist strikes on a large scale in  
India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps Government have taken to  
meet the threat?

#### Mineral and metal wealth in reserved forest areas and tribal areas

\*384. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA:  
Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to  
state:

(a) whether reserved forest areas and  
tribal areas are bestowed with precious  
mineral and metal wealth; and

(b) if so, the action taken to explore and  
tap minerals from those areas?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

### Freedom fighters' pension

†\*385. SHRI ABHAY KANT PRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of pension for freedom fighters released by Government each year during the last three years, and till date;

(b) whether the pension of a number of freedom fighters has recently been discontinued;

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

(d) whether the freedom fighters of Goa Mukti Sangram have not been given any amount of pension so far; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

### Review Committee on POTA

\*386. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:

SHRIMATI SHABANA AZMI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the criticism made by various political parties, Government have decided to review POTA provisions;

(b) if so, whether any panel has been set up to study the provisions of POTA;

(c) if so, the suggestions made by the Review Committee; and

(d) by when legislation for amending the provisions of POTA are likely to be considered?

### Mega power projects in Uttaranchal

‡\*387. SHRI ISAM SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether 20,000 M.W. of power is

likely to be generated in Uttaranchal provided some mega power projects are constructed for the exploitation of water in that State;

(b) if so, whether Government have any scheme in this regard;

(c) whether any time schedule in this regard has been set by Government; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

### Power scenario in Delhi

\*388. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state what are the steps Government have taken to ensure adequate power supply in Delhi and to narrow the gap between the demand and the supply of power in the coming months in the Capital?

### Tapping sun and wind power

\*389. DR. M. N. DAS:

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Andhra Pradesh Government has signed a proposal to tap sun and wind power in the State;

(b) if so, whether State Government plans to tap as much as 2400 MW of electricity from sun, wind and municipal solid and industrial wastes against total installed capacity of 10049 MW through conventional sources;

(c) whether the Centre has agreed to provide assistance to State and has asked State Government to submit the proposed plans;

(d) if so, to what extent Centre has agreed for all help including financial help; and

(e) by when the plans are likely to be implemented?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Running of betting racket during  
Cricket World Cup, 2003**

\*390. SHRI C. P. THIRUNAVU-KKARASU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any case has been filed in metro cities for alleged running of betting racket during the Cricket World Cup, 2003; and

(b) if so, how many persons have been arrested and amount seized?

**Functioning of Panchayati Raj Bodies  
and Municipalities**

†\*391. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

SHRI LAJPAT RAI:  
Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a need for making the functioning of gram panchayats and municipalities more effective and strong for the balanced development of the country;

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

• (c) whether it is also a fact that an amendment in the Constitution was made in the year 1992 in the direction of making the said institutions effective; and

(d) if so, the steps taken so far in order to make functioning of these institutions effective?

**Criteria for awarding Swatantrata  
Sangram Senani (S.S.S.) pension**

\*392. SHRI N.K. PREMA-CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons from Kerala who participated in the Punnapra-Vayalar struggle receiving S.S.S. pension;

(b) whether any applications stand rejected on the ground that the minimum imprisonment of six months before Independence was not completed;

(c) whether Government are aware that the struggle took place just before Independence and there is the least possibility for the participants to fulfil the above condition;

(d) whether Government propose to consider exempting the 'imprisonment before Independence' clause as it would defeat the very purpose of recognition of above struggle for S.S. S. pension; and

(e) the reaction of Government thereto?

**Transfer of Divisional Organiser's  
office of SSB outside Uttaranchal**

†\*393. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether office of Divisional Organiser of SSB situated in the bordering State, Uttaranchal has been transferred from there and presence of SSB has been reduced in the region;

(b) if so, whether the decision has been taken after the assessment of situation arising out of the increasing activities of Maoist and ISI in the Nepal region; and

(c) if not, the justification for reducing the activities of SSB in the region?

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### Financial performance of SEBs

\*394. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the financial performance of State Electricity Boards (SEBs) for the year 2002-03;

(b) whether Government and the Reserve Bank of India signed a tripartite agreement with States for a one-time settlement of State Electricity Boards' dues to Central utilities; and

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the list of State Governments who have signed the said agreement?

### Restructuring of NTC and its subsidiary units

\*395. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering the proposal for restructuring of NTC and its subsidiary (Headquarters);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the recommendations of the BIFR about the restructuring of subsidiary headquarters of NTC;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the Group of Ministers also recommended the restructuring of NTC and its subsidiary (Headquarters) without consulting the NTC Management;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the proposal submitted by NTC Management was taken into consideration; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

### Fake credit cards racket

\*396. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the racket in fake credit cards in our country;

(b) whether Government have assessed the difficulties faced by the genuine credit card holders in different parts of the country; and

(c) the measures Government contemplated so far or intend to contemplate to stop this menace?

### Safe drinking water supply in Karnataka

\*397. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a large number of inhabitants in the rural areas of Karnataka are affected by chemically contaminated water;

(b) whether any action has been taken to set up alternate schemes such as installation of defluoridation plants and supply of household DF filters etc.; and

(c) whether any survey has been undertaken on the number of people affected by the defective water supply and also those affected by skeletal fluorosis and what remedial steps, if any, are contemplated by Government?

### Calamity relief package for Orissa

\*398. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA:  
SHRI B. J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Centre has doled Rs. 2,250 crore calamity relief package for 16 States

affected by floods and drought as reported in the media;

(b) if so, the share of Orissa and the details of the development works that would be carried out with this aid;

(c) whether further such relief is also in the offing; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Private companies in distribution of power**

\*399. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the States where private companies have taken over the distribution of power;

(b) the performance of these companies in the power distribution in those States;

(c) whether Central Government have provided any assistance to those private companies for distribution of power; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Supply of improved toolkits to rural artisans of Karnataka**

\*400. SHRI K. B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Centrally sponsored scheme of supplying improved toolkits to rural artisans was under implementation in rural areas of Karnataka; and

(b) if so, the number of beneficiaries under the above scheme during 2001-02 and 2002-03?

NEW DELHI;  
The 3rd April, 2003  
*Chaitra 13, 1925 (Saka)*

YOGENDRA NARAIN,  
*Secretary-General.*

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**(Ministry-wise)**

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