

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Monday, the May 9, 2005/Vaisakha 19, 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

Land rights to tribals

*621. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA:
SHRI C. PERUMAL:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Environment and Forests has rejected his Ministry's proposed Bill on providing rights to tribals in various areas;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the existing rules and guidelines on the rights of tribals in forests are not sufficient to meet the objective; and

(d) if so, the areas where it is required to be improved upon?

to introduce a legislation to facilitate entry of a regulator to monitor contents in broadcasting;

(b) if so, whether the regulator would be an autonomous, quasi-judicial body on the lines of the Federal Communications Commission;

(c) if so, whether Government also propose a liberal policy package for expanding FM radio in private sector to over 300 odd radio stations;

(d) if so, whether the new package would opt for a revenue sharing formula and lay greater emphasis on growth; and

(e) if so, by when a final decision would be taken?

Regulator for broadcasting

*622. SHRIMATI JAMANA DEVI
BARUPAL:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI
REDDY:

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

(a) whether Government have decided

Fund for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan

†*623. SHRI LEKHRAJ BACHANI:
PROF. R.B.S. VARMA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to set up a fund for 'Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan';

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- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the objectives for setting up of this fund; and
- (d) the amount earmarked under this fund at present?

Distribution of aids and appliances to disabled

*624. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the reasons for shortfall of about 69 per cent in achieving the target set for distribution of aids/appliances by the National Institute of Rehabilitation Training and Research;
- (b) the measures taken by Government to achieve the target;
- (c) whether it is a fact that there are no arrangements for post fitment care of beneficiaries to whom aids and appliances were distributed; and
- (d) the details of the programmes launched to promote economic development activities and self-employment ventures for the disabled and the achievements made therein?

Academic Staff Colleges

†*625. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Universities where Academic Staff Colleges are being run;
- (b) the number of Universities where such colleges have been established by Government during the last five years; and

- (c) the number of universities where Government plan to open such colleges during 2005-06?

Private colleges of Nagaland

*626. SHRI T.R. ZELIANG: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware that all private colleges of Nagaland are treated under the category of self-financing institutions and are not eligible for University Grants Commission Funds;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of assistance granted by UGC to the private colleges during the Ninth and Tenth Five Year Plan in North-Eastern Region, State-wise and year-wise;
- (d) whether UGC has received any representation from the Nagaland University or Nagaland Private Colleges Principals Association; and
- (e) if so, UGC's response thereto?

Career progression of Republic Day Bravery Award Winning Children

†*627. SHRIMATI PREMA
CARIAPPA:
SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

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

- (a) the details of the facilities provided to the children, for their career progression, who are awarded for an act of bravery by Government on the occasion of Republic Day; and
- (b) the number of the children awarded during the last five years alongwith the details of the facilities being provided to them and the maximum age upto which such facilities would continue?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Swimming pools in Kendriya
Vidyalayas**

*628. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a 14 year old
student recently drowned in the swimming
pool at the Kendriya Vidyalaya at Andrews
Ganj, New Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that such
incidents of drowning had taken place in
the same swimming pool earlier also and if
so, the details thereof during the last five
years; and

(d) the action taken against the
management of the swimming pool for
violation of safety norms?

Modernisation of DD/AIR stations

*629. SHRI N.R. GOVINDRAJAR:
Will the Minister of INFORMATION
AND BROADCASTING be pleased to
state:

(a) whether Government have any
proposals for modernization and
digitalization of AIR/Doordarshan Kendras
in the country particularly in Tamil Nadu
during the Tenth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details and locations
thereof, State-wise; and

(c) by when the modernization/
digitalization work of the said centres is
likely to be completed?

Allocation for elderly persons

*630. SHRI HARISH RAWAT:
SHRI SANTOSH
BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE
AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to
state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number
of elderly persons, who need State support
for their care and protection, is increasing
year after year due to general improvement
in health and life expectancy;

(b) if so, the reasons for allocating a
meagre amount of Rs.18.79 crore under the
Integrated Programme for Elder Persons
Scheme for the year 2004-05;

(c) whether there is any proposal to
enhance the allocation for the purpose; and

(d) the details of the services being
provided to the elder persons?

**Status of National Institute of
Technology and Deemed Universities**

†*631. SHRI SURENDRA LATH:
SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that his ministry
has recently granted the status of National
Institute of Technology and Deemed
University to the 18 Regional Engineering
Colleges;

(b) if so, whether Government would
also consider to give the status of apex
institutions in management, to the
institutions doing good work in the fields
of management; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

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FDI in private FM radio

*632. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to allow 20 per cent Foreign Direct Investment in private FM Radio; and

(b) the details of the decision taken by Government in this regard?

FM radio stations

*633. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the existing FM radio stations;

(b) whether Government propose to start any new FM radio station particularly in Kerala;

(c) what is Government's reaction to the news and current affairs programme broadcast by the private FM radios and whether Government imposed ban, if any, in the matter; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Scheme for Development of Primitive Tribal Groups

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

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have set up a Review-cum Selection Committee to review the performance of the on-going projects sanctioned under the scheme of Development of Primitive Tribal Groups;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government have released grants to the States for the purpose;

(c) if so, the details of the grants released to Orissa for the purpose; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to improve economic position of the tribals of the State?

Development and expansion of education in UP

†*635. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal has been sent to the Union Government by the Government of Uttar Pradesh for providing Central grants for development and expansion of education in the State; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when such grant would be released?

Achievement of literacy targets

†*636. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have issued guidelines to the State Governments that they should achieve a target of seventy five per cent literacy rate in their respective States during the next two years;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to provide any grants to achieve the said target; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

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Contribution of women in public life

*637. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BALAPTE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the contribution of the women political elite to national life has been assessed by the National Commission for Women through a study by the Shivaji University, Kolhapur;

(b) the recommendations of the study report on the subject of reservations for women in the legislature; and

(c) Government's view on these recommendations?

Declaration of 10+2 results

*638. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether in January, 2005 the Supreme Court has asked all the States to declare 10+2 results by June 10;

(b) whether any efforts has been made in this direction;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Medical certificates to disabled

†*639. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the disabled have to face difficulties in obtaining medical certificate required to get Government jobs;

(b) whether Government have fixed any time-limit for issuing such a certificate;

(c) if so, whether any action has been taken against the persons who do not follow the said time-limit; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Functioning of Prasar Bharati

*640. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to take a relook at the functioning of Prasar Bharati to redefine its role as public broadcaster and constituted a Committee for the purpose;

(b) if so, the details and terms of reference thereof;

(c) whether there would be a change of guard in Prasar Bharati before the Committee come up with its findings; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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YOGENDRA NARAIN,
Secretary-General.

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I N D E X

(Ministry-wise)

Culture	: —
Development of North-Eastern Region	: —
Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises	: —
Human Resource Development	: 623, 625, 626, 627, 628, 631, 635, 636, 637, 638,
Information and Broadcasting	: 622, 629, 632, 633, 640,
Law and Justice	: —
Mines	: —
Parliamentary Affairs	: —
Social Justice and Empowerment	: 624, 630, 639,
Tribal Affairs	: 621, 634.
Urban Development	: —
Urban Employment and Poverty Alleviation	: —