

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Monday, the December 9, 2002/Agrahayana 18, 1924 (Saka)*

(Ministries : Commerce and Industry; Development of North Eastern Region;
Disinvestment; Health and Family Welfare; Heavy Industries and Public
Enterprises; Information and Broadcasting; Law and Justice;
Shipping; Social Justice and Empowerment; Tribal Affairs;
Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation)

Total number of questions—20

PHCs in Himachal Pradesh

*261. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to upgrade the existing Primary Health Centres in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the details of funds received from the World Bank for upgradation of existing PHCs during the last three years; and

(e) the funds utilised, so far, for the purpose?

Ayurvedic System of Medicine

*262. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:
SHRI MOOLCHAND
MEENA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of measures taken by Government to encourage the Ayurvedic System of Medicine;

(b) whether the Ayurvedic drug manufacturers are finding it difficult to withstand the competition from the Allopathic System of Medicine; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to reduce the cost of production of Ayurvedic medicines?

Uniform stamp duty

*263. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA:
SHRI K.B. KRISHNA
MURTHY:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering reduction in stamp duty on real estate deals to a uniform level all over the country;

(b) whether this move is aimed at attracting more investment in the real estate sector;

(c) whether stamp duty is a State subject; and

(d) if so, how Government propose to overcome the objections from the States?

Sethusamudram Canal Project

*264. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether work on the Sethusamudram Canal Project with an initial investment of Rs. 200 to Rs. 230 crore will begin soon;

(b) whether the report of the National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (NEERI), which is conducting techno-economic and environmental impact assessment studies for the project, has been received by Government;

(c) whether the project was initially proposed in 1860 and three feasibility studies have been conducted in 1955, 1983 and 1996 for the project besides a detailed feasibility study conducted by NEERI, Nagpur; and

(d) if so, by when this project is likely to start?

Purchase of tobacco

*265. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN:
Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of tobacco purchased from tobacco farmers through Tobacco Board since 1998-99, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) whether Government are aware that Tobacco Board is acting in a partisan manner with regard to purchase of tobacco from Karnataka farmers;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government of Karnataka has requested Government to purchase the tobacco on the basis of production capacity of the States; and

(d) if so, the details of the action taken in this regard?

Schemes for the welfare of disabled people

†*266. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:
SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI:

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

(a) the details of the schemes and amount allocated for the welfare of handicapped persons during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the details of the funds utilised, scheme-wise and State-wise;

(c) the number of handicapped persons benefited under the scheme, State-wise;

(d) the number of institutions connected with the schemes;

(e) whether there is any proposal to increase their number;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

Marketing of Levonorge by Cipla

*267. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN:
SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN
ZAHIDI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Cipla is marketing Levonorge without DCGI's approval;

(b) whether it is also a fact that M/s Contech Devices has filed a complaint against Cipla; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government against the company?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Funds for construction of roads, bridges etc. to Chhattisgarh

†*268. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated to Chhattisgarh during this year under various schemes for construction of roads, bridges and culverts in tribal areas;

(b) whether additional funds are proposed to be allocated; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Flats for slum dwellers in Delhi

*269. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are planning to construct flats for the slum dwellers in Delhi free of cost;

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

(c) by when it is likely to be implemented and the total cost involved;

(d) whether this scheme is already existing in Mumbai; and

(e) if so, whether this is proposed to be extended to other metro cities also?

Progress of greenfield SEZ Projects

*270. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of greenfield Special Economic Zone Projects, launched about two-and-a-half years ago, to act as major engines of growth in exports have not made any progress;

(b) if so, the details of these projects, the reasons for delay in implementation and their present status;

(c) the evaluation of the performance of each of the Export Processing Zones converted into Special Economic Zones; and

(d) the fresh initiatives taken to accelerate the progress of the SEZs?

B.A.M.S. degree course

†*271. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian students are awarded degree of Bachelor of Ayurvedic Medicine and Surgery after pursuing the course of four and half years, whereas foreign nationals are awarded the same after one and half year;

(b) if so, the authority that took such a decision and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that British Ayurvedic Council has also opposed this policy of Government; and

(d) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

Appointment of technicians in Prasara Bharati

†*272. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Prasara Bharati recognises only ITI certificate holders and not ITC certificate holders in the appointment of technicians;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether Government would appoint technicians from ITC also?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Foeticide cases in
the country**

†*273. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the constant increase in foeticide in the country in the recent years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of foeticide cases brought to Government's notice during the year 2002 in comparison to the year 2001; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take to stop foeticide?

Approval of FDIs

†*274. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH
'LALAN':

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of projects related to power, chemical, fertilizer and petroleum sectors in which foreign investment was proposed, were sanctioned in the country during the year 2001 and upto June, 2002;

(b) if so, the details of capital investments made in the projects sanctioned; and

(c) the details of the projects in which implementation has started upto September, 2002 and the capital investment therein, Sector-wise?

**Law to regulate Surrogate Mother and
Test Tube Baby**

†*275. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that no law exists in the country for regulating the methods like "surrogate mother" and "test tube baby", which are widely prevalent in the country;

(b) if so, whether government propose to enact any law for regulating these methods;

(c) if so, by when such a Bill is likely to be introduced in the Parliament; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Action to check unplanned growth of
urban areas**

*276. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:
Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the action taken to check unplanned and uncontrolled growth in urban areas; and

(b) the reforms Government are contemplating for development of urban areas?

Requirement of Judges

†* 277. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH
'LALAN':

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government consider it necessary to increase the number of Judges in view of the increasing population of the country;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the estimated number of Judges required in the country at present; and

(c) the total number of Judges in position at present?

Sale of HPCL and BPCL Scrips

*278. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Rs. 500 crore milked on sale of HPCL and BPCL Scrips", which appeared in the Deccan Chronicle, dated the 5th October, 2002;

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereon;

(c) whether any inquiry has been instituted into the whole transaction; and

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

Schemes for SCs/STs and weaker sections in Uttar Pradesh

*279. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of welfare schemes being formulated and implemented by

Government for scheduled castes, scheduled Tribes, backward classes and weaker sections of the society in the State of Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) the details of amount granted for the same under these schemes during the last three years?

Constitution of Tobacco Board

*280. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) when was the Tobacco Board last constituted;

(b) the criteria and guidelines adopted in the nomination of members on the Board;

(c) whether it is a fact that there is no equal representation of the tobacco producing States on the Board;

(d) whether it is also a fact that this unequal representation of all the tobacco producing States is the root cause of biased decisions and favouritism, as alleged in some quarters; and

(e) if so, the manner in which Government propose to overcome the said problem and by when?

NEW DELHI;

The 2nd December, 2002

Agrahayana 11, 1924 (Saka)

YOGENDRA NARAIN,

Secretary-General.

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(Ministry-wise)

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