

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Thursday, the December 9, 2004/Agrahayana 18, 1926 (Saka)*

(Ministries: Prime Minister; Agro and Rural Industries; Atomic Energy; Coal; Communications and Information Technology; External Affairs; Labour and Employment; Mines; Ocean Development; Overseas Indian Affairs; Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Planning; Science and Technology; Shipping, Road Transport and Highways; Small Scale Industries; Space; Statistics and Programme Implementation)

Total number of questions — 20

Funds under National Child Labour Project for Maharashtra

*121. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Maharashtra have been submitting project-proposals for Child Labour Education and Rehabilitation, under the National Child Labour Project;

(b) if so, the number of child labour to be covered and the amount of Central aid sought for the same during the years 2000-01, 2001-02 and 2002-03 and the current year, and the aid granted against each request;

(c) whether there were undue delays in clearance of the proposals and giving grants-in-aid; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Recommendation of TRAI on open sky policy

*122. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:
SHRI RAMA MUNIREDDY
SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any recommendations/suggestions have been made by TRAI on Open Sky Policy for DTH and VSAT Services;

(b) if so, the details of the recommendations/suggestions made by TRAI;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Department of Communications has rejected TRAI's recommendations; and

(d) if so, the reasons for rejecting the recommendations made by TRAI?

Accountability of civil servants to Parliament

*123. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to make a comprehensive law on civil servants to make them accountable directly to the Parliament;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when will this law be enacted?

Provision of phones by Public Sector companies

*124. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the share of Public Sector companies in providing phones in the last three years has declined;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Public Sector companies have been asked to provide 10 to 15 crore phone lines in next three years; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Public Sector companies in this regard?

Indian contribution to United Nations

*125. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the contribution paid annually by India to United Nations during the last three years; and

(b) the criteria to fix this contribution?

Medical camps for beedi workers

*126. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that medical camps have not been held for beedi workers in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the reasons for neglect of beedi workers in East and West Godavari districts;

(c) whether demands have been made for medical camps from these areas to the local officers;

(d) what steps would be taken to attend to such demands; and

(e) the reasons for neglecting these areas totally by Government?

New coal companies

*127. SHRI PYARIMOHAN MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the norms in terms of production and profits for establishment of new coal companies and the names of companies which do not satisfy the norms;

(b) whether Talcher Division of Mahanadi Coalfields Limited can be constituted into a separate company on the basis of its production, profits and potential; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Help to Afghanistan

*128. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to help Afghanistan in the task of building their Parliament complex and the repairing

and renovation of other buildings which were damaged during the internal armed conflict in that country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, indicating the financial and other assistance proposed to be extended and the time-frame fixed for the purpose?

Administrative reforms

*129. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Prime Minister has initiated a major step on administrative reforms and suggested a National Entrance Examination for the All-India and the Central Services;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the action plan of Government to implement these reforms?

Increase in cases of death of Indians abroad

*130. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an increase in the cases of death of Indian nationals working in foreign countries;

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

(c) the number of deaths of Indian nationals reported in the various Indian missions during each of the last three years; and

(d) the steps taken by Government in this matter?

Construction of a stadium in Guyana by India

*131. SHRI C. RAMA-CHANDRAIAH:
SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA
SEKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India promised to Guyana to finance and construct a stadium by the year 2007; and

(b) if so, the grant released so far towards its construction?

Countries without Indian embassies

†*132. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the countries which do not have Indian embassies or consulates;

(b) whether Government are contemplating to establish Indian embassies and consulates in those countries; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Illegal Telephone Exchanges in Delhi

*133. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Telecom had unearthed an illegal exchange in Delhi in the month of October, 2004;

(b) if so, its *modus operandi* and the loss incurred on this account to DOT; and

(c) the action taken against the culprit?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Incentive for workers in ARIs

*134. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given/ planned any incentives for the workers in agro and rural industries;

(b) whether Government have released the funds for the ruining industries to activate for the benefit of the workers who have lost their jobs; and

(c) if so, the details regarding the incentives and funds released for and the list of action plan taken about?

Upgradation of branch post offices

*135. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to upgrade branch post offices functioning at present in the different parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise/category-wise; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

Committee on Infrastructure

*136. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formed an eleven Member Committee on Infrastructure;

(b) if so, whether the main funds of the panel would concentrate on improving railways, road, energy availability and

modernization of Delhi and Mumbai airports to world class standards within a set time-frame;

(c) if so, to what extent the panel would ensure the long term financial viability of service providers both in public and private sectors; and

(d) to what extent this formation has helped to improve the infrastructure network and rural telecommunication in the country?

Items reserved for SSIs

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

Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to continuous reduction in the reservation list by Government, the manufacturing of only 675 items now remain in the reservation list of small industries; and

(b) if not, the number of these items and the names of these 675 items which can be manufactured only by small scale industries in the country?

Special category status to Orissa

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

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that High Court of Orissa has directed the Centre to consider the request of the Government of Orissa for grant of special category status to the State;

(b) whether it is also a fact that many States such as Maharashtra, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh and North-Eastern States have developed after they were granted special status; and

(c) if so, what is hindering the process for grant of this status to Orissa and the time-frame within which this would now be granted?

Vocational training in Rajasthan and Punjab

*139. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the new initiatives taken during the last three years by the Directorate General of Employment and Training in providing Vocational Training to women and girls in Rajasthan and Punjab;

(b) the vocation-wise details thereof; and

(c) the number of girls and women that benefited during the last three years?

Demolition/acquisition of Indian Rubat in Saudi Arabia

*140. SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware about the number of Indian Rubat in existence in Saudi Arabia;

(b) how many of them have been demolished or acquired by the Saudi Arabian Government;

(c) whether Government of India have received any compensation in this regard or any alternative accommodation in lieu of the demolished or acquired Indian Rubat has been provided by the Saudi Government; and

(d) if not, what steps are being taken by Government to obtain alternative places?

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YOGENDRA NARAIN,
Secretary-General.

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