

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Monday, the March 10, 2003/Phalguna 19, 1924 (Saka)*

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

Total number of questions—20

Scenes of domestic violence in films

†*261. SHRIMATI CHANDRA
KALA PANDEY:
SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY:

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

(a) whether the Film Censor Board is
empowered to censor the scenes promoting
domestic violence in the films;

(b) if so, whether the Board is
discharging its duties in an appropriate
manner; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

(b) whether first phase targets Ayurveda;

(c) if so, the details thereof and number
of slokas put on the portal;

(d) whether project TKDL had to be
completed by October, 2002;

(e) if so, the present status of the project;

(f) whether the project is expected to
have a website of approximately 1,40,000
pages;

(g) whether the website is available; and

(h) if not, the reasons therefor?

Investment in PSUs

TKDL project

*262. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN:
Will the Minister of HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an MoU has been signed
between Indian Systems of Medicine and
Homoeopathy and National Institute of
Science Communication on 6th June, 2001
for establishing Traditional Knowledge
Digital Library (TKDL);

†*263. SHRI LAJPAT RAI:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of HEAVY
INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC
ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any
assessment with regard to investment in
all the public sector industries in the month
of March during the years 2000-2001,
2001-2002 and 2002-2003;

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(b) if so, the total amount including loan amount invested in these industries;

(c) the profit earned by these industries during each of the above mentioned years; and

(d) the amount paid as interest during each of the above mentioned years?

Price of cement

*264. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the role of Government in fixing the price of cement;

(b) whether there is any scope for fixation of cement rates by Government;

(c) whether Government are aware that the consumers are facing problems due to imbalance between demand and supply; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to increase the production?

Earnings of DD

*265. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:

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

(a) the revenue earnings of Doordarshan during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the steps being taken to re-organise the marketing system of Doordarshan; and

(c) the source of revenue of Doordarshan apart from advertisements?

Infant and maternal morbidity and mortality rate

*266. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of infant and maternal morbidity and mortality rate;

(b) how this differs from State to State;

(c) the factors responsible for high rate of infant and maternal morbidity and mortality;

(d) whether any targets have been fixed for reducing them;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) how these have been achieved; and

(g) the steps taken by Government to tackle the problem?

Construction of Vallar Padam Container Terminal

*267. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalized the company which is to undertake the construction of Vallar Padam Container Terminal; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Assistance to development of Patna

†*268. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to provide financial assistance under the

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integrated development scheme to Patna City;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when the financial assistance is likely to be provided; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Coverage of Iraq crisis

*269. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM:
SHRI DATTA MEGHE:

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

(a) whether Doordarshan has decided to engage a private producer to provide its viewers coverage of the unfolding Iraq crisis;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the owner of this Production House has any outstanding dues to DD; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Quality standards for bottled drinking water

*270. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI
REDDY:

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

(a) whether the Technical Committee of the Bureau of Indian Standards has decided not to adopt the stringent European Union norms as the quality standards for bottled drinking water and mineral water in the country;

(b) if so, whether the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public

Distribution had in a recent communication to the Ministry urged to amend the Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules with a view to pave the way for implementation of EU quality norms for safe drinking water and mineral water; and

(c) if so, the procedure followed by the Ministry to adopt the said norms?

Emergence of Southern States as economic powerhouse

*271. SHRI RUMANDLA
RAAMACHANDRAYYA:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI
REDDY:

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

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Kerala have emerged as the economic powerhouse of the country;

(b) if so, whether these States opened out to the world and provided all facilities to the investors needed and have adapted themselves to offer with the era of attracting investors by doling out incentives, such as sales tax deferral, waivers, etc.;

(c) if so, the foreign investors who have been attracted by these States; and

(d) to what extent Government have agreed to provide all requisite assistance for the economic growth and foreign investments in these States?

Promotion of ISM

†*272. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

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

(a) whether Government have

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formulated any scheme for promoting Indian System of Medicines for eradication of diseases;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the average amount decided to be spent annually in the country for implementation of this scheme?

Scholarships to SC students

*273. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a proposal for granting scholarships to Scheduled Castes post-matriculation students from the Government of Karnataka involving an amount of Rs. 810.34 lakhs; and

(b) what is the present stage of this proposal and by when a decision is expected and the funds would be released?

Progress of SJSRY in Himachal Pradesh

*274. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government holds periodical meetings with Bankers and representatives of Himachal Pradesh State to review the progress of implementation of Swarn Jyanti Shahri Rozgar Yojana;

(b) if so, the number of such meetings held during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) the status of SJSRY emerged from such meetings?

MD (Homoeopathy) course through correspondence in Kerala

*275. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the starting of MD (Homoeopathy) course in Kerala through correspondence;

(b) whether Government are aware that a large section of post-graduate students in Homoeopathy Medical College in Thiruvananthapuram protested against Government's move to the correspondence course as it defeats the very purpose of maintaining uniform standard in education;

(c) if so, whether Government are considering to review its decision; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Hepatitis-B Vaccination Programme

†*276. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any survey regarding the practicality and success of Hepatitis-B Vaccination Programme in the slums of the country;

(b) if so, the number of people benefited by the said programme; and

(c) the names of the States in which the said programme has been implemented?

Recommendations of Prabir Sengupta Committee on tobacco industry

*277. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR:
SHRI K. KALAVENKATA
RAO:

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

(a) whether the Prabir Sengupta Committee appointed to look into the

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tobacco industry affairs, has recommended deregulation of tobacco sector in phases and withdrawal of minimum guaranteed price after a three-year transition period;

(b) whether such a move will end up in virtual abolition of Tobacco Board;

(c) whether the tobacco farmer lobby in Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka has alleged that the recommendations of the Committee are trader-friendly and anti-farmers; and

(d) if so, Government's response/reaction thereon?

Ban on selling of Gutka

*278. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several States have imposed ban on sale of Gutka (packed chewing tobacco) due to its hazardous impact on health of its consumers;

(b) the names of States which have imposed ban on sale of Gutka;

(c) whether the efforts of these States are receiving support in any form from Government particularly with regard to the need of communicating to the masses of the lethal impact of chewing tobacco on human lives, in order to ensure success of the ban by dint of public involvement; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Monopoly of cable operators

*279. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at present cable

operators have a monopoly as far as their areas of operations are concerned and they are charging exorbitant rates from customers;

(b) whether Government propose to change this scenario;

(c) whether Government have allowed operators to increase the subscription even though there is no improvement in the quality of services provided by the cable operators;

(d) by when the Conditional Access System (CAS) would come in operation so that consumer could choose the channels of his choice; and

(e) whether Government propose to streamline the entire gamut of cable operations?

Access of safe water and sanitation

*280. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people who have access to safe water and sanitation;

(b) the number of people are exposed to various diseases because of lack of access to these facilities;

(c) the number of people who die every year from such diseases; and

(d) the preventive measures that Government have taken/propose to take?

NEW DELHI;
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YOGENDRA NARAIN,
Secretary-General.

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