

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Friday, the March 10, 2006/Phalguna 19, 1927 (Saka)*

(Ministries: Agriculture; Chemicals and Fertilizers; Consumer Affairs; Food and Public Distribution; Environment and Forests; Food Processing Industries; Health and Family Welfare; Railways; Steel)

Total number of questions — 20

National policy on land use

*281. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no national policy on land use in our country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the soil Management Techniques like nutrient buffer power concept are not adequately recognised in the country;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and how it affects our foodgrain output;

(d) if not, the details thereof including the details regarding the change of agricultural land use;

(e) whether China has harvested more than 550 million tonnes of foodgrain compared to our 200 million tonnes of foodgrain by using abovesaid techniques; and

(f) if so, the comparative study thereof?

Cleanliness in Government Hospitals

*282. SHRI E. M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any fresh initiatives have been taken by Government to improve the cleanliness level in various Government hospitals where the situation is dismal;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

FPI in Nagaland

*283. SHRI T. R. ZELIANG: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal to develop and promote food processing industries in Nagaland;

(b) if so, the details of steps taken to implement this proposal; and

(c) if not, what allocation has been made for the State during the last three years?

Leasing out of forest land in Kerala

*284. SHRI N. K. PREMA-CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of forest land leased out in Kerala for a period beyond two years against the provisions of Forest Conservation Act, 1980 and purposes for which such land lease has been made;

(b) whether the Government of Kerala renewed the above leases without attracting the provisions of Forest Conservation Act and whether the State Government sought the permission of the Central Government for the renewal of lease of forest land which stands leased out to various purposes; and

(c) how many lease cases have been signed on or before the expiry of lease period and transferred to other holders violating the provisions of FCA in Kerala and the details of such cases with extent and district-wise statistics thereof?

Increasing forest cover

*285. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any comprehensive strategic plan for increasing the forest cover by maintaining greenery in the country for the next twenty years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what steps have been taken or proposed to be taken for increasing forest cover in the country;

(d) the estimated amount to be spent on this plan and whether Government have chalked out any plan for the increasing

participation of local people in these plans; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Disbursement of subsidies to BPL, poor and marginal farmers

*286. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that main recipients of subsidy are surplus producing farmers of five States from where procurement is done at the prices set by Government;

(b) if so, whether the disbursal of subsidy can be improved with a view to ensuring that BPL consumers/small and marginal farmers get the intended benefit of subsidies; if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the modern Information Technology could be harnessed to achieve disbursement of subsidies for the BPL, poor and marginal consumers?

Production of Basmati rice in India and Pakistan

*287. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan has succeeded in acquiring favourable position in the battle of Basmati rice;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to regain its supremacy in the production of Indian Basmati?

Consumer Helpline

*288. SHRI N. R. GOVINDARAJAR:
Will the Minister of CONSUMER
AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC
DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a National Consumer
Helpline has been set up to provide help,
information and counselling to the
consumers on the matters relating to their
exploitation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to
provide assistance to the State
Governments to start such help lines at all
district levels; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Survey of wildlife in Papikonda Game Sanctuary

*289. SHRI S. M. LALJAN BASHA:
Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT
AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there were
repeated demands from environmentalists
in West Godavari of Andhra Pradesh for a
proper survey of the wildlife in Papikonda
Game Sanctuary;

(b) if so, the details of these demands
and when they were made;

(c) whether it is also a fact that
Government refused to entertain such
legitimate demands;

(d) what steps Government would take
to review such refusals ; and

(e) whether such funds meant for
surveys have been spent on foreign travel
by the officials?

Spurious seeds, fertilizers, etc.

*290. DR. GYAN PRAKASH
PILANIA: Will the Minister of
AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that
substandard/spurious/fake inputs for farming,
namely, seeds, fertilizers, insecticides,
pesticides, etc., are galore in the market, which
affect adversely the farming community;

(b) if so, the action taken against the
culprits/cheats/adulterators pseudo
manufacturers, etc.;

(c) the punitive and preventive steps
Government contemplate to take to check
the menace;

(d) whether farmers are complaining
that seed corporations at the Centre and
States have failed to supply at fixed price,
standard/genuine hallmarked seeds of
various crops to them; and

(e) if so, the corrective action being
taken, as seeds are primary input for
agriculture?

Control of commensal monkeys

*291. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA
SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be
pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are
contemplating any action plan for control
of commensal monkeys in conflict
situations;

(b) if so, whether any workshop has
been held recently with the experts for this
purpose; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the
outcome thereof?

Passenger facilities at Buxar station

†*292. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that hundreds and thousands of passengers from Bihar and Uttar Pradesh travel to and from Buxar railway station everyday;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that Railways earns a large amount of revenue from Buxar, but still there is no retiring facility available there which is causing lot of inconvenience to the upper class passengers;

(c) if so, action being taken for expansion of proper facility to passengers at the railway station;

(d) whether there is any plan for halting the Rajdhani Express and other super fast trains thereat in view of the large number of upper class passengers travelling from Buxar railway station; and

(e) if so, by when it is proposed to be implemented?

Import of vaccine from China

†*293. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to import vaccines from China for prevention of encephalitis spreading in some States of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) by when these imported vaccines would reach the affected States;

(d) whether Government have taken any

measures for developing such vaccines in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Modernisation of fishing harbours

*294. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the proposals submitted by the Government of Andhra Pradesh for modernization/renovation of fishing harbours, indicating the estimated cost involved in each proposal;

(b) the details of the progress made, so far, on the modernization projects sanctioned for Visakhapatnam, Kakinada, Nizampura and Machilipatnam based fisheries in the State; and

(c) the steps being taken/already taken by Government and various States for further strengthening the fishery industry in the country?

Closing down of Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Limited

*295. SHRI K. B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) when the Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Limited was closed down;

(b) the number of employees who lost their jobs;

(c) whether there is any request from the Karnataka Government to continue mining operations at Kudremukh; and

(d) the steps, if any, taken to rehabilitate the employees of KIOCL?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Overbridges/underbridges in Jharkhand

†*296. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of flyovers/underbridges under construction in Jharkhand;
- (b) the details of proposals submitted by the Government of Jharkhand for construction of flyovers/underbridges on railway crossings;
- (c) the details of steps taken by Government thereto; and
- (d) whether the State Government have itself borne half of the expenditure incurred on the same; and
- (e) if so, the details of the amount thereof?

Delhi-Lahore Samjhauta Express

*297. KUMARI NIRMALA DESHPANDE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the condition of Delhi-Lahore Samjhauta Express is far from satisfactory;
- (b) whether it is a fact that no facilities are available to passengers at Attari station;
- (c) if so, what steps are being planned to make this travel more comfortable;
- (d) whether it is also a fact that passengers have to wait for hours at Attari and Wagha;
- (e) whether this time can be reduced; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Strengthening of public health services in Uttaranchal

*298. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have any proposal to improve the standard and functioning of the Central/State Government hospitals, primary health centres and community health centres set up in the rural areas of the country specially in hilly and backward areas of Uttaranchal; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

Resolution against two-child norm

*299. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a meeting of the reconstituted National Commission on Population was held recently;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that there was a resolution against implementation of two-child norm in the country; and
- (c) if so, the reasons for implementing two-child norm by Government?

Procurement in NER

*300. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is huge leakage and diversion of Wheat and Rice meant for the Public Distribution System in most of the North-Eastern States;

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| <p>(b) if so, the details thereof;</p> <p>(c) whether Government have taken any decision for procuring foodgrains locally to be distributed under the public distribution system and not to bring from outside of the North Eastern States so that</p> | <p>local farmers get good support price for their produce;</p> <p>(d) if so, the details thereof; and</p> <p>(e) the steps initiated by Government to increase storage capacity in the region?</p> |
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NEW DELHI;
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YOGENDRA NARAIN,
Secretary-General.

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