

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORALANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Tuesday, the May 10, 2005/Vaisakha 20, 1927 (Saka)*

**(Ministries : Civil Aviation; Company Affairs; Finance; Panchayati Raj;
Petroleum and Natural Gas; Tourism; Water Resources)**

Total number of questions —20

Seizure of Naptha in Gujarat

*641. SHRI R.K. ANAND:
SHRIMATI PREMA
CARIAPPA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM
AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to
state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Anti-
Adulteration Cell had seized a Ledger of a
company which produces Naptha in
Gujarat showing details of purchases of
benzene and toluene; and

(b) if so, whether Government have
initiated any inquiry to find out details of
those oil PSUs who are colluding in
adulteration by callously selling petro-
products like Naptha to operators?

Loans received by autonomous bodies

*642. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be
pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of grants/loans received
by Central autonomous bodies during the
year 2002-03;

(b) the purpose for which these grants/
loans were sanctioned to these bodies; and

(c) in what manner Government ensure
the proper utilization of the grants/loans in
the absence of utilization certificates?

scrutiny of high value transactions

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

Will the Minister of FINANCE be
pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made it
mandatory for Registrars of Property
R.B.I. banks, etc. to report seven categories
of high-value transactions;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether compliance report has since
been received from the concerned
organizations and if so, the details of such
cases reported by the Registrar of Property
in the capital and in Mumbai during the
last two years; and

(d) whether scrutiny of such
transactions has been made and if
so, whether any disparity has been detected
and the action taken against the person
concerned?

Liberalisation of investment limits of FIIs

*644. SHRIMATI JAMANA DEVI

BARUPAL:

DR. T. SUBBARAMI

REDDY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal to liberalise investment limits for foreign institutional investors is stuck in the near term as Government and the RBI are on policy dilemma;

(b) if so, what are the main differences;

(c) what are the steps being taken to remove these differences; and

(d) by when final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

Development of sea beaches

*645. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any schemes to develop sea beaches;

(b) if so, the broad features thereof; and

(c) the allocation made by Government in this regard during the last two years?

Strategy for oil pricing

*646. PROF. ALKA BALRAM

KSHATRIYA:

DR. T. SUBBARAMI

REDDY:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Prime Minister has drawn long-term plan to study situation and evolve

long term strategy in pricing, taking into account the behaviour of international oil markets and domestic impact;

(b) if so, what are the details of long term plan so prepared;

(c) whether there will be no oil price hike after this strategy;

(d) if so, what are other steps being taken so that there will be no loss of revenue to Government;

(e) whether oil companies have agreed to the suggestions made in the long term plan prepared by Government; and

(f) if so, to what extent they have agreed to cooperate with Government on this long term plan?

Budget allocated to different tiers of Panchayati Raj Institutions

†*647. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) the portion of annual budget of Central and State Governments provided to different tiers of Panchayati Raj Institutions for their utilisation;

(b) whether there is any effective system to keep a check on the quality of schemes run through funds used by such institutions;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government are considering to have a system like public auditing system for the funds used by such institutions?

Cheating/fraud cases in nationalised banks

*648. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a spurt in the

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

cheating/fraud cases in nationalised banks during the last three years;

(b) the details of cases noticed, bank-wise, with amount involved in each case with names of the bank officials involved and action taken against each; and

(c) whether the credit card companies are also facing similar malady, if so, the details thereof, alongwith the remedial measures taken?

Review of the functioning of India tourism offices abroad

*649. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether her Ministry propose to review the functioning of the India tourism offices located abroad as per the changed market needs and requirements;

(b) what measures her Ministry is taking under Look East Policy of Government; and

(c) the details of representation offices of India in Asia?

Performance of Kisan Credit Card Scheme

*650. SHRIEKANATH K. THAKUR: SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the much vaunted Kisan Credit Card Scheme has not met the high expectations pinned on it;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the progress in the issuance of credit card to the farmers is dismal in the Eastern and North-Eastern States; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take to improve the report card of Kisan Credit Card?

Impact of new air service agreements on traffic at airports

*651. SHRI R. P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently India has signed two separate agreements with the UK and the USA to provide for unlimited number of air services in each other's territory;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including restrictions, if any, on the points of call and/or destinations, in each of these agreements; and

(c) the results of fresh review undertaken, if any, and the plans drawn up for upgrading/creating additional infrastructural facilities at the Indian airports to handle the increased number of flights?

Closure of Oil Industries Training Cell

*652. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Oil Industries Training Cell which imparted training for checking adulteration in motor fuel has been closed;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) in the absence of the training cell, who is looking after this work?

Feasibility report on new airports projects

*653. DR. KARAN SINGH:

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has decided for creation of an independent regulator to provide greater comfort level to those investing in the restructuring of the airports in various States;

(b) if so, whether the Confederation of Indian Industry has also suggested an economic feasibility report to be prepared for all new green field airports projects;

(c) whether Government have now finally decided to introduce a legislation in this regard; and

(d) if so, by when final decision in this regard for airport regulatory authority is to be taken?

Restructuring of Hyderabad Airport

*654. SHRI SUDARSHAN AKARAPU: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to restructure/develop Hyderabad Airport;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether private parties are being engaged for restructuring work; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Development of tourist sites

†*655. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to

develop other tourist sites and cities to attract game lovers and tourists during the Commonwealth Games; and

(b) if so, the details of cities of Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan included therein?

Supply of PNG in Delhi

*656. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal to supply domestic gas through pipeline in various areas of Delhi is under consideration of the Indraprastha Gas Limited (IGL);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of Piped Natural Gas connections for domestic use presently operational in various areas of Delhi; and

(d) the areas which are likely to be covered with Piped Natural Gas connections during next three years, year-wise?

Waiver of loans to farmers

*657. SHRI N.R. GOVINDRAJAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether burden of loan on the poor and marginal farmers of our country is increasing while their sources of income are shrinking;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government in this regard;

(c) the details of the average loan given to poor and marginal farmers during the last three years and their average income;

(d) whether Government have decided to waive the loan of farmers upto Rs.10,000/-; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

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Restructuring of Delhi and Mumbai Airports

*658. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have barred the foreign airlines from picking up equity in the joint ventures handling restructuring of the Delhi and Mumbai Airports involving an investment of around Rs.20,000 crores;

(b) the details of the domestic players expected to participate in proposed restructuring;

(c) whether it will be possible for the handful of domestic companies to put in this huge investment; and

(d) if not, the proposed remedial measures by Government?

Settlement of NPAs under One Time Settlement basis

*659. SHRI CHITTABRATA
MAJUMDAR:
SHRI DIPANKAR
MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases where scheduled commercial banks (Nationalised Sector) have realised their Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) under One Time Settlement (OTS) basis; and

(b) the total amount of outstanding loans/interest recovered and the amount of interest waived thereto?

Accidents of single engine aircrafts and helicopters

*660. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that number of single engine aircrafts and helicopters have crashed during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof with causes of accidents;

(c) whether Government are considering allowing only twin engine aircrafts and helicopters in future;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

NEW DELHI;
The 4th May, 2005
Vaisakha 14, 1927 (Saka)

YOGENDRA NARAIN,
Secretary-General.

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