

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Wednesday, the May 10, 2006/Vaisakha 20, 1928 (Saka)*

(Ministries: Commerce and Industry; Defence; Home Affairs; Labour and  
Employment; Rural Development; Textiles)

Total number of questions — 20

#### Bomb blasts in Jammu and Kashmir

\*361. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Srinagar (Jammu and Kashmir) experienced serial bomb blasts on the 14th April, 2006;

(b) if so, the number of persons who died and those who were seriously injured as a result thereof;

(c) the number out of them who were civilians, para-military/army personnel and the terrorists involved, separately;

(d) the terrorist organizations responsible for these blasts;

(e) the number of terrorists responsible for the blasts apprehended so far; and

(f) the follow up action taken to avoid such incidents?

#### Funds received by NGOs

\*362. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) how many Non-Governmental

Organizations (NGOs) under his Ministry are in receipt of the Central funds;

(b) whether these NGOs are regularly submitting the required utilization certificates; and

(c) if not, what action Government are contemplating to take against the defaulting NGOs during 2005-06, till date, NGO-wise?

#### Export of iron-ore

†\*363. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the companies that have been given approval for export of iron-ore;

(b) the quantum of iron-ore exported so far by these companies; and

(c) whether any import of iron-ore is also being made and if so, the details thereof?

#### Export of Virginia tobacco

\*364. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the export targets of Virginia tobacco for 2006-07;

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(b) the quantity of tobacco expected to be exported in 2006-07;

(c) what financial and commercial incentives Government propose to give for such Virginia tobacco exports in the forthcoming year; and

(d) the steps proposed to assist Andhra Pradesh farmers in this regard?

#### **Establishment of Disaster Management Commissions**

\*365. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State Governments which have not yet established the State Disaster Management Commissions;

(b) the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of the disasters that have taken place in different States, natural or man-made, after formation of the Central and State Disaster Management Commissions?

#### **Pledge of BIMSTEC countries on terrorism**

\*366. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation BIMSTEC countries pledged not to allow use of their territories by terrorist groups for launching attacks on friendly Governments and agreed to share information and cooperate in capacity building;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action has so far been taken in pursuance of the above decisions?

#### **Funds to States under ASIDE**

\*367. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have allocated funds to State Governments for creating infrastructure for development and growth of exports under ASIDE Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;

(c) whether assistance is extended only for export of goods and not services;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Karnataka Government has requested for extending assistance to export of IT and related services, since 50 per cent of its exports relates to this sector; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

#### **Agreements and MoUs with various countries**

\*368. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the countries visited by him during 2005-06, till date;

(b) the details of the agreements and MoUs entered into with various countries during the above period;

(c) whether enough safeguards have been provided to take care of the domestic industries;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Funds under PMGSY to Punjab**

\*369. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had released the funds in full to the State Government of Punjab under Prime Minister's Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) during the years 2000 to 2004;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor and the total amount still to be released to clear the backlog; and

(c) by when the backlog is likely to be cleared?

### **Reports on SMEs by NMCC**

\*370. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:  
SHRI B. J. PANDA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Manufacturing Competitiveness Council has prepared a report on the role played by the SMEs in the manufacturing sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the report has listed certain problems now being faced by this sector alongwith an action plan to address them; and

(d) what is the status of Orissa in this sector and what is Government's action plan to develop this sector in this backward State to improve its economy?

### **Supervision of works under NREGA**

\*371. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:  
SHRIMATI MOHSINA  
KIDWAI:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the Durable Assets envisaged in the identified Districts wherein job for 100 days in a year would be given under the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005;

(b) whether the modalities have been evolved for supervising the work as purely unskilled labour would be performing the jobs;

(c) whether any mechanism has been created to ensure that entitled wages are paid to such persons; and

(d) whether any NGOs would be involved in the initial stages of implementation of the scheme?

### **Naval-war-room leak scam**

\*372. SHRI UDAY PRATAP  
SINGH:  
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have referred a case of Naval-war-room leakage to CBI; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by CBI so far?

### **Weavers co-operative societies in Tamil Nadu**

\*373. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of primary weavers co-operative societies in the country particularly in Tamil Nadu at present; and

(b) the details of the handloom goods manufactured by these societies during the last three years?

**Resolution for including areas of  
Twang region in Sixth Schedule**

†\*374. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Legislative Assembly of Arunachal Pradesh has passed several times a resolution to include the areas of Twang region in the Sixth Schedule; and

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

**Strengthening of special task force  
dealing with Naxalism**

\*375. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:  
SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the review meeting of the coordination centre on Naxalism was held in April, 2006 to discuss strengthening of the special task force both in terms of manpower and response time and extreme violence in 13 States, high profile attacks, detaining of train in Jharkhand, blasting truck in Chhattisgarh and jail break in Orissa;

(b) whether the PM also called a meeting of 13 Naxal affected States on the 13th April, 2006; and

(c) if so, what were the main decisions taken to check the Naxal menace in those States?

**Low labour productivity**

\*376. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the productivity of country's labourers is quite low in comparison to the labourers in the developed countries, like USA, UK, Japan and China;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons therefor?

**Exemption to wood based industry in  
Assam**

\*377. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR:  
DR. VIJAY MALLYA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Assam Government had some time back requested his Ministry for extending benefits of various exemptions under the North Eastern Industrial Policy, 1997 by issuing notification in respect of the additional industrial complexes of wood based industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when the notification is likely to be issued; and

(c) if the reply to part (b) above be in the negative, the reasons therefor?

**New series on Prices and Cost of  
Living Index**

\*378. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:  
SHRI CHITTABRATA MAJUMDAR:

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

(a) whether Government have

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introduced new series on Prices and Cost of Living Index with 2001=100 as the base year;

(b) if so, whether the Central trade unions were consulted in this regard;

(c) whether all the Central trade unions had opposed the introduction of the same;

(d) if so, the points raised by the Central trade unions;

(e) the details of outcome of the consultation; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Statehood to Delhi**

\*379. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:  
SHRI JAI PARKASH  
AGGARWAL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have initiated

any exercise to examine the issue of granting full Statehood to Delhi; and

(b) if so, the status of the proposal?

#### **Disaster Management Institutes**

\*380. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA:  
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up any Disaster Management Institutes under the aegis of the National Disaster Management Authority;

(b) if so, what specific subjects will be analysed and tackled through such institutes dealing with Disaster Management;

(c) whether NDMA has also co-opted some universities in this task; and

(d) the details of the steps taken by NDMA in this regard in the last four months?

NEW DELHI;  
*The 4th May, 2006*  
*Vaisakha 14, 1928 (Saka)*

YOGENDRA NARAIN,  
*Secretary-General.*

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