

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Monday, the December 10, 2001/Agrahayana 19, 1923 (Saka)*

**(Ministries: Development of North-Eastern Region; Disinvestment; Health and Family Welfare; Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises; Information and Broadcasting; Law, Justice and Company Affairs; Shipping; Social Justice and Empowerment; Tribal Affairs; Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation)**

#### Total number of questions—20

##### Measures adopted for family planning

\*281. SHRI MAN MOHAN SAMAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have assessed the various family planning measures adopted by the third world and other developing countries in the world to control the population explosion;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have been planning to adopt a China like policy to control population in the country in near future; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

##### Permission for clinical trials

\*282. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Drug Controller General of India (DCGI) is using discretion in granting permissions for clinical trials, bio-equivalences and marketing permissions;

(b) whether it is also a fact that often there are variations in the decisions from company to company; and

(c) if so, the guidelines and specific directions from his Ministry to DCGI in this regard?

##### Reconstitution of NCM

\*283. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been approached to reconstitute the National Commission for Minorities (NCM);

(b) if so, the details of the demands; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

##### ST status to Pahari-Pathari Community of Kashmir

\*284. MIRZA ABDUL RASHID: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 2399 given in the Rajya Sabha on 13th August, 2001, and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the proposal of conferment of ST status to Pahari-Pathari speaking people of J and K is fully processed and complete in all respect; and

(b) if so, by when Government will confer ST status to this Community?

#### **Kandla Port Trust**

\*285. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT:  
SHRI ANANTRAY DEV-  
SHANKER DAVE:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Gujarat has requested the Government to revert part of the Kandla Port limit which was earlier part of Salaya minor port for the development of an oil terminal for Essar Refinery and other private sector refineries that may come up in future;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering to accept the request; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Stiff competition for MUL**

\*286. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Maruti Udyog Ltd. is facing stiff competition from private sector new models introduced in the market;

(b) the comparative sale figures of the Maruti Models *vis-a-vis* other reputed models; and

(c) the steps taken to popularise Maruti Models?

#### **Subtherapeutic drug formulations**

\*287. SHRI MANOJ BHATTA-CHARYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that many substandard subtherapeutic drug formulations are available in the market and vast rural market is flooded with this;

(b) if so, whether some effective measures are being planned to prevent marketing of such drug formulations; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Disposal of pending cases**

†\*288. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "20 Lakh Mukadme 2005 Tak Niptane Ki Yojana", which appeared in the Rashtriya Sahara, dated 31st May, 2001;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the details of the steps taken by Government for quick disposal of the cases pending in different courts in the country?

#### **World Bank suggestion on tobacco**

\*289. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank Economists have suggested that money saved on tobacco by banning its use altogether, if utilised on other goods, will create more jobs than those displaced;

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†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) whether it is a fact that according to them, patients spend Rs. 25,000 crore in a year on their treatment of tobacco related diseases and thus Government revenue by way of taxes is hardly Rs. 6000 crore; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to make the tobacco ban more effective?

#### **Artificial heart valve**

†\*290. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian scientists have developed the artificial heart valve;

(b) if so, whether it has been tested and found fit;

(c) if so, the estimated cost of the developed artificial heart valve in the country; and

(d) the steps taken to develop this valve on a large scale for the benefit of heart patients?

#### **Status of malaria in Gujarat**

\*291. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of malaria under National Health Programme in Gujarat;

(b) whether it is a fact that malaria cases are on the rise in the State; and

(c) if so, the corrective measures being taken by Government in this regard?

#### **Primary health infrastructure under Prime Minister Gramodaya Yojana**

\*292. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister's

Gramodaya Yojana has provided Central allocation of Rs. 809 crore during the years 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 for the maintenance and upkeep of primary health infrastructure in rural India; and

(b) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken by his Ministry for the improvement in medical health care services in rural parts of Rajasthan and Orissa in particular and other remaining States in general in the context of current global threat of bio-terrorism, State-wise?

#### **Failure rate of contraceptive methods**

\*293. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "The World map, Afghanistan, Government measures our members", which appeared in the Indian Express, dated the 29th September, 2001;

(b) if so, the factual position in this regard;

(c) whether Government have conducted any study to ascertain failure rate of contraceptive methods used in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the other measures to be adopted for strengthening family planning process in the country?

#### **More time for education on TV**

\*294. DR. RAJA RAMANNA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that considerable amount of TV time is now being given to entertainment (dances etc.);

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(b) whether Government propose to devote more time towards education especially on the advanced sciences to students at the PUC stage to improve teaching as teachers are usually not qualified to do this and restrict themselves to examination preparation; and

(c) if so, how and by when?

**Procedural deficiencies in  
disinvestment of  
ITDC and HCI**

\*295. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the disinvestment from ITDC and Hotel Corporation of India hotels has been held up for certain procedural deficiencies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any difference of opinion between his Ministry and Ministry of Finance on the issue;

(d) if so, why the same could not be sorted out before approving the proposal for disinvestment in hotels; and

(e) by when, notices inviting tenders for disinvestment in hotels are likely to be issued?

**Deaths due to smoking**

\*296. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that more than three million people die every year in the country as a result of smoking tobacco and Supreme Court ban on public smoking is a welcome sign;

(b) how Government propose to

implement this ban and whether the existing agencies suffice to enforce this ban or some specific task force is being created for effective implementation of ban and monitoring thereof; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Treatment of diseases by ayurvedic  
medicines**

\*297. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:  
SHRI BHAGATRAM  
MANHAR:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that diseases like arthritis, slip disc, spondylitis, asthma, sinusitis and migraine can be cured with ayurvedic medicines;

(b) whether the success rate of curing these diseases is between 70 and 80 per cent according to the surveys conducted by experts;

(c) if so, the steps Government are contemplating to increase the number of hospitals and dispensaries in the country to cure the above diseases at reasonable rates;

(d) whether Government propose to open Research and Development Centres also for procuring and testing of herbs; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Curb on tobacco use in the country**

\*298. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether WHO has called on the countries to take action against advertising of tobacco and tobacco products in order to protect the health of the young and old smokers and non-smokers alike;

(b) if so, the details of the suggestions given by WHO in this regard;

(c) whether Government are aware of the WHO estimate of deaths per year;

(d) the number of deaths taking place every year in the country due to tobacco use; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to curb/curtail tobacco use in the country?

#### **Cheap medicine for anthrax**

\*299. SHRI S. NIRAIKULATHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Indian pharmaceutical company 'Ranbaxy' is offering to provide medicines for anthrax induced diseases at less than half the price of the US companies;

(b) whether Government have taken up the matter with the USA; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the USA Government?

#### **Construction of flats by CGEWHO**

\*300. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that balconies being provided in Type 'B' and 'C' flats under CGEWHO, Noida, Phase-III and IV Housing Schemes are very small;

(b) whether Government are also aware that two toilets being provided in those flats are having attached bathrooms, making them unhygienic and restricting their use, as the toilets cannot be used if the bathroom is occupied and *vice-versa*;

(c) if so, the steps contemplated to enlarge the balconies and separate the toilets from bathrooms in these flats, particularly Phase IV flats, the plans of which are yet to be approved; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

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R. C. TRIPATHI,  
*Secretary-General.*

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