

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Wednesday, the December 10, 2003/Agrahayana 19, 1925 (Saka)*

**(Ministries : Coal; Defence; Home Affairs; Mines; Non-Conventional Energy
Sources; Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions;
Power; Rural Development; Textiles)**

Total number of questions—20

Small villages and towns connected with Highways

*121. SHRI DINA NATH MISHRA:
Will the Minister of RURAL
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the length of roads constructed
during the period 1998 to 2003;

(b) the number of villages and small
towns connected with Highways through
metalled roads during 1998 to 2003;

(c) whether any study has been
conducted to measure progress made,
consequent upon construction of roads
connecting small villages and towns with
State/National Highways; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Cases of corruption in Bureaucracy

*122. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the
Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC
GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be
pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases registered
against corrupt officials in the Central

Government during last five years, giving
details year-wise;

(b) the total amount involved; and

(c) the action taken to punish the guilty
officials?

Implementation of Handlooms (Reservation of Articles for Production) Act

*123. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR:
Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased
to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of
the fact that the handloom sector in the
country is in tatters;

(b) whether focus on exports is
responsible for the decline in the handloom
sector;

(c) whether it is a fact that the
Handlooms (Reservation of Articles for
Production) Act can not be implemented
because of some technicalities resorted to
by mills and powerlooms; and

(d) if so, the efforts Government
propose to make to revive the handloom
sector?

Budget limit for implementation of Swajaldhara scheme

†*124. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any budget limit has been fixed for each State for the implementation of 'Swajaldhara' drinking water project;

(b) maximum cost-limit of such a single project; and

(c) the benefit received by each State under 'Rashtriya Swajaldhara Yojana', State-wise details thereof?

Private coal mining

*125. SHRI R.K. ANAND:
SHRI ABANI ROY:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to bring about legislative changes allowing private mining while liberalizing norms for allotment of captive blocks for trading in coal; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Registration of dowry cases

*126. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Police had issued circular/instructions that a case of dowry can not be registered without inquiry from the Crime Against Women Cell;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the cases registered district-wise and year-wise after 1999 without inquiry by the Crime Against Women Cell and the reasons therefor; and

(d) the number of cases which had been registered after 7 years of marriage?

Business in foreign countries by NTPC

†*127. SHRI LAJPAT RAI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH
'LALAN':

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have permitted NTPC for business in foreign countries;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard;

(c) the reasons for the permission; and

(d) whether NTPC has fulfilled its domestic obligation in the field of power generation?

Mineral deposits in Orissa

*128. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated total mineral deposits in Orissa and how many mines are under the control of Government undertakings and how many of them have been given to private companies; and

(b) whether Government propose to lease more mines in Orissa to private companies; if so, the details thereof?

Modernisation of Police by Andhra Pradesh

*129. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:
SHRI RUMANDLA
RAAMACHANDRAYYA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the requests made by the Andhra Pradesh Government for sanctioning of equipment for police modernisation;

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(b) since when the request has been pending; and

(c) by when a final decision is likely to be taken in the matter?

Guidelines by Power Grid Corporation

*130. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Power Grid Corporation of India has drawn up guidelines for the States overdrawing their requirements of power when the system frequency is less than 49 htz.;

(b) whether there is any provision to penalise erring states causing grid collapse; and

(c) whether the guidelines will prove a deterrent against overdrawal and ensure grid discipline?

Mining leases in wildlife areas

*131. SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of mining leases currently being operated in wildlife areas across the India;

(b) the details of such leases in the State of Goa; and

(c) the details of progress made by the Committee set up under the Chairmanship of P.V. Jaikrishnan by the Supreme Court to examine wildlife and forest matters?

Statehood to Pondicherry

*132. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Pondicherry Legislative Assembly passed unanimous resolutions on several occasions for grant of Statehood for Pondicherry;

(b) whether Government propose to give Statehood to Pondicherry in the light of the decision of Government to grant Statehood to Delhi; and

(c) if so, by when a decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Joint maritime exercises by China and Pakistan

*133. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chinese and Pakistani Navies are going to hold joint maritime exercises in the Arabian Sea;

(b) whether Indian security experts view these exercises as potential threat to country's interest;

(c) whether the need to modernize and strengthen Indian Navy has become more important in this scenario; and

(d) the steps being taken in this regard?

National Electricity Policy

*134. SHRI S.S. CHANDRAN: DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Electricity Policy is being prepared;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the States have been consulted in this regard; and

(d) whether the policy is likely to take into account the regional compulsions of States?

Custodial deaths

*135. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court has expressed its concern over the rise in custodial deaths and torture of suspects and asked Government to seriously consider the Law Commission's recommendations to change the Evidence Act for curbing such offences and punishing erring police officials; and

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any action in this regard; if so, the details thereof?

Modernisation of textile units

*136. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has extended soft loans in the textile sector for modernisation of textile units;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how long it will take for the textile sector to take the full benefit of the scheme?

Production and consumption of coal

*137. SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA:
DR. ABRAR AHMED:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated production and domestic consumption of coal during Tenth Plan period;

(b) whether there is any gap between production and consumption of coal; and

(c) if so, how Government propose to fill the gap?

Terrorist activities in Bangalore

*138. DR. VIJAY MALLYA:
SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the city of Bangalore is fast developing as the back office of national and international terrorist organizations including the ISI of Pakistan; and

(b) if so, whether Government of India are planning to provide full infrastructural and resource support to the State Government to curb the growth of such activities?

Economic problems of rural areas

†*139. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that two-third population of the country living in villages, is still facing problems of water, electricity, unemployment, starvation, poverty and health;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard in the recent years; and

(c) the details of new schemes formulated by Government for solving the said problems of rural population of the country?

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**Shortage of potable water in
Rajasthan, M.P. and Orissa**

affected areas like Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Orissa;

†*140. SHRI JANESHWAR
MISHRA: Will the Minister of RURAL
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(b) if so, whether Government is taking
steps before hand for the next year; and

(a) whether it is a fact that there is acute
shortage of potable water in the drought

(c) if so, the details thereof?

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YOGENDRA NARAIN,
Secretary-General.

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