

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 11, 2005/Phalgun 20, 1926 (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

Banned medicines

*141. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that many medicines, used in India, are banned abroad for a long time;

(b) if so, the details of those medicines alongwith their names; and

(c) whether Government have taken any action to ban them in India; if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Kyoto Protocol

*142. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the way India would be benefited from the Kyoto Protocol to reduce green house effect;

(b) whether it is a fact that his Ministry had set up an Inter-Ministerial Committee to process Clean Development Mechanism project proposals;

(c) if so, the number of projects approved and rejected, so far, by this Committee; and

(d) the details of the projects?

Pollution by Cement plants in Gujarat

*143. DR. A.K. PATEL:
PROF. ALKA BALRAM
KSHATRIYA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Cement Plants are polluting the environment of Gujarat by being set up in the residential areas of the nearby villages;

(b) whether due to this, the crops of the poor farmers are failing and roads and water facilities are being affected because of the heavy load;

(c) the reasons why they should not be shifted to anywhere in a remote area; and

(d) the rules and regulations which govern Cement Industries in this regard?

Water borne diseases

*144. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of patients suffering from various water borne diseases in both rural and urban areas during the last three years State/Union Territory-wise and disease-wise; and

(b) the steps taken by Government during the same period to control and eradicate such water borne diseases?

Allocation of funds for AIDS

*145. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of amount released by Government, State-wise for supply of anti-AIDS drugs, free of charges to AIDS victims through various hospitals for the years 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05;

(b) whether strong, costly anti-AIDS drugs are supplied through various Government hospitals; and

(c) the details of action taken, so far, by Government in curbing the menace of ever increasing AIDS patients in the country?

Remedial measures to help Tsunami hit farmers

*146. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY:
SHRI JANARDHANA
POOJARY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the agricultural land in Tamil Nadu and other Southern districts are worst hit by the

Tsunami waves and have made land uncultivated and as a result, the farmers are facing acute difficulties; and

(b) if so, the details of remedial measures taken by Government to help the farmers?

Palakkad Railway Division

*147. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to curtail the existing area of Palakkad Railway Division by detaching certain areas such as Mangalappuram station, etc., and to include the same with South Western division;

(b) if so, whether Government would review the proposal, if any;

(c) whether there is any proposal to detach the Railway stations such as Coimbatore, Erode and Tirupur from Palakkad Division and attach the same with any other existing division or newly formed division;

(d) whether Government propose to allot a railway zone for Kerala; and

(e) the reaction of Government thereto?

Cattle insurance scheme

*148. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to formulate a new cattle insurance scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have held discussion with various sections of society and public sector insurance companies on the issue;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which Government propose to implement the said insurance scheme?

Special package to boost agricultural production

*149. SHRI N.R. GOVINDRAJAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision to provide special package to the Agricultural sector with a view to boost the production of agriculture in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the target likely to be achieved by implementation of this package?

Rabi campaign

†*150. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Rabi campaign 2004-05 announced by Government has been organised;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the campaign was successful in achieving its targets; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Area under forest

*151. SHRI SHANKAR ROY CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the total area under forests in the country;

(b) whether the forest cover is decreasing at an alarming rate; and

(c) if so, the steps Government are taking to increase the area under forests?

FPIs in Jammu and Kashmir

*152. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that heavy snow fall in Jammu and Kashmir and hilly areas of Himachal Pradesh and Arunachal Pradesh has brightened the prospects of bumper crop of fruits;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to set up new Food Processing Industries in Jammu and Kashmir and other places so that bumper crop is utilised for export and domestic consumption;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, whether Government would consider giving minimum support price for fruit production beyond normal stock?

Drying of lakes of Udaipur

*153. DR. NARAYAN SINGH MANAKLAO: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that lakes in the Lake city of Udaipur in Rajasthan have become dry over the years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any scientific study has been conducted in this regard;

(d) if so, the details of findings and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps undertaken or being undertaken to recharge these lakes?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Drug Price Control Order, 1995

*154. SHRI MANOJ
BHATTACHARYA:
SHRIPRASANTA
CHATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS
AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that prices of medicines are constantly showing an upward trend making it more and more difficult for the common man to meet his medical expenses;

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to keep the prices of medicines within common man's reach;

(c) whether the Drug Price Control Order, 1995 has left some of the essential medicines out of its ambit;

(d) if so, whether DPCO is proposed to be suitably amended;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Cancer Centre at Trichur Medical College

*155. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI:
Will the Minister of HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal for the development of a Cancer Centre at Trichur Medical College;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government?

Allocation for Mental health

†*156. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will
the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of

the fact that nearly two crore people in the country are suffering from mental diseases;

(b) if so, the number of such persons in the country, State-wise;

(c) whether it is also a fact that merely 0.1 per cent budget allocations are provided for mental health out of total budget allocations for public health by Government; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Modernization of Railways in next five years

*157. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA
RAO:
SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Railways are planning to spend Rs. 24,000 crores to modernize Railways in the next five years *i.e.* between 2005 and 2010;

(b) whether the modernization plan includes mechanised cleaning system, introduction of all stainless steel wagons, etc.;

(c) if so, from where the Ministry is going to obtain the resources;

(d) whether it is a fact that the Ministry also propose to get money from the Railway Safety Fund; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Decrease in milch cattle

†*158. DR. MURLI MANOHAR
JOSHI:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

of milch cattle is decreasing constantly in the country;

(b) if so, the estimated decrease in percentage till 2004 as compared to 1990 and the total number of milch cattle in the country during 2004;

(c) whether it is also a fact that production of milk has increased in the country; and

(d) if so, the percentage increase in milk production and the quantity of milk production estimated in the country during 2004?

Sugar dealing licence system

*159. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to bring sugar dealing licence

system in operation to control the increase in the prices of sugar;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Rumours of bomb in express trains

†*160. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that passengers face difficulties due to the rumours of bomb in express trains including Rajdhani Express in the country;

(b) if so, the number of trains about which hoax calls of placing a bomb have taken place and also the number of trains in which bombs were actually found during the last two years; and

(c) the details of steps taken by Government to tackle the situation arising out of such incidents?

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YOGENDRA NARAIN,
Secretary-General.

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