

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORALANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Wednesday, the May 11, 2005/Vaisakha 21, 1927 (Saka)*

(Ministries: Commerce and Industry; Defence; Home Affairs; Non-Conventional Energy Sources; Power; Rural Development; Textiles)

Total number of questions — 20

Energy through non-conventional energy sources in the country

*661. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have estimated the capacity of producing energy through non-conventional energy sources in the country; if so, the State-wise details thereof;

(b) the projects and schemes currently in action; and

(c) the funds allocated for it in the current budget?

Two-tier border fencing

*662. SHRIMATI JAMANA DEVI
BARUPAL:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has become the third country after Israel and US to erect a two-tier border fencing, which proved to be a highlight of the armed forces determination to deal with terrorism during 2004;

(b) whether this two-tier fencing has also helped in reducing the terrorist activities in States where insurgency was on increase;

(c) if so, what are the other steps Government propose to take to check infiltration from Pakistan and Bangladesh; and

(d) whether the fencing of the border with these countries have been fully completed?

POTA cases

*663. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many POTA accused were convicted and acquitted before expiry of POTA;

(b) how many POTA cases were registered/how many arrests made and how many accused released on bail before repeal of this Act; and

(c) how many persons are still languishing in jails in POTA cases?

Integrated energy policy

*664. DR. KARAN SINGH:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has prepared an integrated energy policy related to sustainable development;

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

(c) if so, what are the steps Government is considering to effectively implement the integrated energy policy to ensure energy security?

Low Power Load Factor of Eastern and North Eastern Region

*665. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Power Load Factor (PLF) of the Eastern/North Eastern Region is very low and this has become an obstacle to make power generation more efficient in the country;

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

(c) the efforts made by Government to bring the PLF of those States where it is reported to be lower at par with the rest of the country?

Construction of heavy aircraft carrier warships

*666. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to build indigenously designed heavy aircraft carrier warships;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) the targeted date for completion of the project, with revenue implications?

Obtaining Rate Contracts for all products from DGS&D

*667. SHRI HARISH RAWAT:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that branded computers manufacturing companies are obtaining Rate Contracts (RC) from DGS&D only in respect of those models which have become obsolete and have no demand in the open market;

(b) whether it is further a fact that the same is the position in other products also which have obtained DGS&D RC;

(c) whether there is any proposal to compel manufacturers to obtain RC in respect of all their products; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

New policy on jute

*668. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to bring out a new policy on jute;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government are considering to set up a National Jute Board; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Trade cooperation between India and China

*669. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and China have agreed to take steps towards securing original trading agreements between the two countries;

(b) if so, whether joint study group headed by Finance Ministry including top representatives from Indian Industry have taken positive steps for starting initiatives on FTA with China;

(c) whether a survey of companies is involved in trade with China; and

(d) if so, whether any agreement to improve trade between India and China has been signed?

Employment opportunities with the increase in exports

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

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

(a) whether it is a fact that with the increase of 15 per cent in exports, 25 lakhs employment opportunities are likely to be created;

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

(c) whether Government have assessed the number of persons engaged in export-import trade; and

(d) if so, the details thereof during 2003-04 and the number of those who have joined the same during this year?

Organic tea production

†*671. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are preparing any scheme for the organic tea production;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are also considering to export organic tea produced in India to foreign countries;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the total quantum of organic tea being produced in the country at present?

Training youth for jobs

*672. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Rural Development Ministry and a leading pharma company are set to hit the road, traversing seven States, to train 35,000 youth over the coming year for jobs, matching local industry and economy requirements;

(b) if so, whether initially it will be started in 10 districts of 7 States;

(c) if so, the States where this scheme will be introduced; and

(d) whether this scheme is likely to be introduced in all other States also?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Action to rectify the fencing along
Indo-Pak border**

*673. DR. VIJAY MALLYA:
SHRI LALIT SURI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
be pleased to state:

(a) the land area of Amritsar district in
Punjab on Indo-Pak border, which is on
the other side of the fencing along the
border;

(b) whether the farmers owning this land
are allowed and are in a position to carry
out their farming activities thereon;

(c) if not, whether any compensation is
paid to them for having been deprived of
their proprietary rights, if so, at what rate;
and

(d) whether any action is proposed to
rectify the fencing so that this land is
retrieved to the Indian side?

Closed jute mills

*674. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will
the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to
state:

(a) the name-wise details of jute mills
that had to close down during the years
2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05;

(b) how many of them have re-started
and from when;

(c) the name-wise details of jute mills
newly established during this period;

(d) whether Government have any plan
to give a boost to this sector of industries
in the interest of the farmers; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Rabi crop loss due to hailstorm in
North India**

†*675. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH :
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be
pleased to state:

(a) the details of loss of rabi crop due to
hailstorm in North India during March,
2005;

(b) whether Central and State
Governments have assessed the loss caused
to crops and with the mutual cooperation
have decided to provide financial assistance
etc. to the affected farmers; and

(c) if so, whether Central and State
Governments would consider to provide
the compensation?

Progress in power generation

†*676. SHRIMATI PREMA
CARIAPPA:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased
to state:

(a) targets set for power generation in
the Tenth Five Year Plan and the
achievement made so far;

(b) whether the targets are likely to be
achieved within the remaining 30 months;

(c) if not, who is responsible therefor;

(d) the project-wise status of the
implementation of the various stages of the
task in case the targets are likely to be
achieved;

(e) whether Government are
contemplating to increase power generation
through hydro power projects; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

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Amount provided to FCI for making payments towards foodgrains

†*677. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount provided to the Food Corporation of India for making payments towards foodgrains in the years 2003-04 and 2004-05 under the Sampoorna Grameen Rojgar Yojana;

(b) what is the quantity of foodgrains provided to the States by the FCI under the said scheme; and

(c) the State-wise details of the financial and physical achievements in this regard?

Crime on railways

*678. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of incidents of crime on Railways during the last three years;

(b) whether such incidents have increased;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken to check incidents of crime on railways?

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Steps to revive jute industry

*679. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering a proposal to infuse fresh life in the dying jute industry;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal under consideration;

(c) whether the six ailing jute mills in West Bengal are being proposed to be revived under the new dispensation and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether there is a provision also for the modernisation and upgradation of the jute mills and if so, the details thereof?

Drainage of contaminated water

†*680. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there exist any provision for drainage of contaminated water flowing from the wells, handpumps and tap-water scheme, provided in the villages under Total Sanitation Campaign;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

YOGENDRA NARAIN,
Secretary-General.

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