

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Thursday, the August 11, 2005/Sravana 20, 1927 (Saka)*

(Ministries : Prime Minister; Agro and Rural Industries; Atomic Energy; Coal; Communications and Information Technology; External Affairs; Labour and Employment; Ocean Development; Overseas Indian Affairs; Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Planning; Science and Technology; Shipping, Road Transport and Highways; Small Scale Industries; Space; Statistics and Programme Implementation; Youth Affairs and Sports)

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Road link to Myanmar

*261. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to take initiative in extending road-links to Myanmar across the North-Eastern States according to the 'look east' policy;

(b) if so, the response received from other countries; and

(c) if not, whether any other similar programme is being contemplated?

to consist of 50 per cent directors and non-executive directors but in the Neyveli Lignite Corporation (NLC) there was only one independent director on its board as has been reported by C&AG in its report No. 4 of 2003 (PSUs);

(b) if so, the reasons for violating SEBI's rule and the steps taken to rectify the mistakes and to fix the responsibility of the authority concerned for their being no non-executive director; and

(c) the details of other observations made by C&AG regarding NLC and the action taken thereon?

Directors in Neyveli Lignite Corporation

*262. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
SHRI SANTOSH
BAGRODIA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Board of directors of Public Sector Undertakings are

Contribution for earthquake rehabilitation from MPLADS fund

*263. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA:
Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the amount collected by way of contributions made by Rajya Sabha MPs

for earthquake rehabilitation works in Gujarat from their MPLADS funds;

(b) the details of works carried out by HUDCO and NBCC and the amount spent as on the 30th June, 2005 by these agencies;

(c) whether ten Community Halls in Wankaner Taluka villages were sanctioned and work orders given by NBCC;

(d) if so, the progress made in the construction of those Community Halls; and

(e) the amount lying with HUDCO, NBCC and the Ministry, with interest as on the 30th June, 2005, out of the collection made?

Impact of tsunami

*264. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scientific analysis has been carried out for ascertaining the impact and havoc brought by the recent tsunami in the country;

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

(c) the measures that are contemplated to forecast tsunami and such other disasters in future and to meet the challenges thrown by such disasters in the future;

(d) whether experts have suggested creating mangroves on the shores to minimize the impact of tsunami; and

(e) if so, the details in this regard and Government's reaction thereto?

Tokyo-led Asian Broad Band Programme

*265. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India and Japan have signed an MoU for participation of India in the Tokyo-led Asian Broad Band Programme; and

(b) if so, the details of the agreement?

Water harvesting

*266. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that it is proposed to make water harvesting a part of MPLADS to control water crisis in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the action plan; and

(c) how far this would help to address this issue?

Upgradation of Telephone Exchanges in Mizoram

*267. SHRI LALHMING LIANA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Telephone Exchanges with their capacity in the State of Mizoram and the exchanges which are earmarked for

upgradation during the current financial year;

(b) whether BSNL is contemplating to cover the whole State of Mizoram with WLL during the financial year 2005-06; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

National Ship Design and Research Institute

*268. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the present role of the NSDRI in Vishakhapatnam;

(b) the funding provided by Government to the NSDRI over the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that the work load and work output of NSDRI is totally inadequate;

(d) whether Government propose to wind up the Institute;

(e) if so, whether Government would hand over the NSDRI to Andhra University; and

(f) if not, the reasons for funding of NSDRI?

War against terrorism by Pakistan

*269. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that JKLF leader Yasin Malik confessed before the media during his visit to Islamabad in June, 05 that Pakistan Information Minister is the

person in-charge of terrorist training camps across our international border;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the ground reality, revealed by the confession, has been contrary to the assurances given by the Pakistan President in January, 2004;

(d) whether Government confronted Pakistani administration with it, besides the international community engaged in war against terrorism; and

(e) if so, the details thereof, including response of the respective Governments in this regard?

Recruitment of drivers by KGL

*270. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the renewed activities of Kuwait and Gulf Link Transport Company of Kuwait to recruit drivers and other categories of workers for Iraq; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to safeguard Indian citizens from being lured into hazardous employment in Iraq?

Country among maritime nations

*271. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether despite the long coastline, India is not rated among the top 20 maritime nations; and

(b) if so, the measures that Government would adopt to improve the situation?

Power target through existing reactors

*272. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR
PRASAD:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that by 2020, India plans to be a nuclear reactor global leader;

(b) if so, the details of the action plan to achieve the target;

(c) the quantity of power produced by the existing reactors; and

(d) the power target by 2020 through these reactors?

Short-term coal linkage to power sector

*273. PROF. ALKA BALRAM
KSHATRIYA:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that short-term coal linkages to nearly 90 power sector units for the second quarter of 2005-06 has been approved;

(b) if so, whether allocation is 4.26 million tonne more than what was approved for the corresponding period of 2004-05;

(c) whether a special group of his Ministry has been asked to continuously monitor performance of various power utilities and make additional allocations whatever required for power; and

(d) if so, to what extent these power projects have received coal to meet the shortages?

ESI hospitals

*274. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of super speciality hospitals administered/directly run by ESIC, State-wise;

(b) whether Government propose to open more such super speciality hospitals in near future;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the number of State Government run hospitals of ESIC, State-wise;

(e) whether it is a fact that services provided by ESIC are not properly implemented due to dual Control of both the State and Central Governments; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the steps proposed to be taken thereon?

Minimum wages for Agricultural Labourers

*275. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any survey for determination of the existing number of Agricultural workers in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof male, female separately, State-wise;

(c) the rate of minimum wages prescribed for them and the manner in which it is implemented;

(d) whether Government are considering the revision of existing minimum wages for agricultural labourers; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Construction of National Highway in Bihar

*276. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to construct a National Highway from Chakia to Baargania and Motihari to Sitamarhi in Bihar;

(b) whether construction of such a road is necessary in the interest of security of the country; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken to expedite the work?

Generating employment in Maharashtra

*277. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the problem of unemployment is increasing day by day as well as employment in the organised sector is also declining in the last two years in the country particularly in the Maharashtra State;

(b) if so, Government's response and reaction thereto;

(c) whether Government are considering any specific programmes for generating more employment in the country specially in the Maharashtra State during the next three years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Opening of Still Well road

*278. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRIMATI PREMA
CARIAPPA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that China and India have lately been actively working on plans to reopen the still well road between the two countries through Myanmar, which would reduce the distance between the two nations from over 6,000 kms. to just 1300 kms.;

(b) if so, the decision taken in the matter and the respective stand of India, Myanmar and China in regard thereto and how the benefits of increase in trade and facilities would be stored; and

(c) the steps taken and are being taken in this regard so far?

Boats seized by Pakistani Security Agency

*279. SHRI LEKHRAJ BACHANI:
PROF. ALKA BALRAM
KSHATRIYA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the continuous problem of Indian fishermen and boats being taken into custody by the Pakistani Security Agency;

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to resolve this matter; and

(c) whether Government propose to sign an agreement with the Pakistani Authorities on the lines of the agreement between India and Sri Lanka?

Sports facilities in Lucknow

†*280. SHRI BHAGWATI SINGH:
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to
state:

(a) whether the State Government of
Uttar Pradesh had sent projects for the
construction of judo hall, volley ball indoor

hall and shooting range in Guru Gobind
Singh Sports College, Lucknow, for the
approval of Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government have given
approval to the aforesaid projects, if not,
by when these are likely to be approved?

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YOGENDRA NARAIN,
Secretary-General.

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