

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 11, 2002/Agrahayana 20, 1924 (Saka)*

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

Total number of questions—20

Villages in Pauri Garhwal covered under PMGSY

***301. SHRI ROBERT KHARSHIING:
SHRI LAJPAT RAI:**

Will the Minister of RURAL
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages covered under
the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana
(PMGSY) in Pauri Garhwal District of
Uttaranchal;

(b) whether Government are aware
of the fact that the population of Thanoul
Village of Kalgikhal Block, Pauri
Garhwal do not have facility of motorable
road;

(c) whether Government had received
any representation from the people of the
area and a reference of Member of Parliament
in this regard; and

(d) the action taken to start the work of
construction of road under the Pradhan
Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana urgently and
by when the work is likely to be
completed?

Spurt in terrorist activities

***302. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH
KHAN AZMI:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:**

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been spurt in
terrorist activities during last one month;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the nature
of terrorist attacks;

(c) the number of paramilitary personnel,
civilians and terrorists killed and injured in
these incidents; and

(d) the steps taken to avert such incidents
in future?

Crimes committed by drug addicts

***303. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MISS. MABEL REBELLO:**

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain drug addicts used by
gangsters for committing heinous crimes
were apprehended by the Delhi Police;

- (b) if so, the details of these gangsters and crimes committed by the drug addicts in the capital during the last one year; and
(c) the action taken by Government to control this menace?

Wind energy potential

*304. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that India is the fifth largest producer of wind energy in the world;
(b) if so, the percentage of wind energy potential being tapped in the country; and
(c) the proposals to enhance the wind energy in the current Five Year Plan?

Vacation of quarters on transfers

*305. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that many of the officers of Jayant and Khariya Projects of Northern Coalfields Limited, Singrauli have not vacated their Government quarters despite being transferred to other places many years ago;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether it is also a fact that most of the officers and employees working under Jayant and Khariya Projects have not been provided Government quarters so far;
(d) if so, the details thereof; and
(e) by when Government quarters are likely to be got vacated from officers transferred elsewhere?

New water sheds for Anantapur District, A.P. under DDP

*306. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any request for sanctioning 200 new watersheds projects under Desert Development Programme (DDP) to Anantapur district has been received in the Ministry from the Government of Andhra Pradesh;

- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
(c) the action taken so far or proposed to be taken in this regard?

Fly ash from Suratgarh Super Thermal Power Station in M.P.

†*307. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantum of fly ash emitted per day and accumulated so far from Suratgarh Super Thermal Power Station;
(b) the names of the other Thermal Power Stations which are emitting huge quantity of fly ash;
(c) whether Government have formulated any scheme to make use of such fly ash;
(d) if so, the details thereof; and
(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Presence of media during anti-terrorist operations

*308. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: DR. KARAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the media is allowed to have direct access at the time of anti-terrorist operations;

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(b) if so, upto what level of protocol or secrecy;

(c) whether it is a fact that many intricate details of anti-terrorist operations are likely to be leaked out through the media; and

(d) if so, the steps Government propose to take care of the risks involved in such permission?

Elections to General House of SGPC

*309. SARDAR GURCHARAN
SINGH 'TOHRA':
SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH
'LIBRA':

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the elections to General House of Shiromani Gurdwara Prabhandhak Committee (SGPC) are due;

(b) if so, the reasons for its delay;

(c) whether the Commission responsible to hold elections have completed all formalities, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when these elections are likely to be held?

Modernisation of NSG

*310. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN:
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the sanctioned strength of National Security Guards (NSG) and the number of vacant posts as on 1st July, 2002; and

(b) what steps have been taken to modernise the force, increase its sanctioned strength and fill up the vacant posts, in view of the increased role of the NSG in the present context?

Prosecution of criminals

*311. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:
SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal for the formation of a Coordination Committee to prosecute criminals effectively and to ensure that witnesses are not bought over by criminals;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal with regard to composition of the said Committee; and

(c) whether the Coordination Committee will be headed by a prominent Judge and if not, the reasons therefor?

Projects for rural drinking water supply in Andhra Pradesh

*312. DR. DASARI NARAYANA
RAO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of pilot projects of Rural Water Supply Programme in Chittoor, Khammam, Nalgonda, Nellore, Prakasam districts of Andhra Pradesh under rural drinking water component of Prime Minister's Gramodaya Yojana (PMGY);

(b) by when these projects are likely to be completed;

(c) whether more districts are proposed to be covered under PMGY; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Distribution and transmission losses

†*313. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(a) whether it is a fact that power shortage in peak as well as general hours in the country can be brought to negligible level by bringing the losses in its distribution and transmission system at the international level;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the power distribution and transmission losses at international level have been assessed at six per cent only; and

(c) if not, the percentage thereof and what is the Government's time-bound scheme for bringing the above-said power losses to the international level?

Statehood to Delhi

*314. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether as on date Delhi has the status of a State of the Indian Union;

(b) if not, whether Government propose to confer Statehood to Delhi in the near future;

(c) if so, by when; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Royalty rate on coal production

*315. SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have accepted the proposal for a new royalty rate on coal production;

(b) if so, to what extent the rate will be increased;

(c) whether the consumer States had opposed the increase;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether with the projected increase in coal production from the current level of

310 million tonnes per annum to 400 million tonnes by the end of the Tenth Five Year Plan, the States are expected to gain from the royalty rates increase?

Conflicts between Bodos and Non-Bodos in Assam

*316. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN:
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the new conflicts between Bodos and Non-Bodos in the proposed BTC Areas of Assam;

(b) whether any policy has been formulated to solve this problem; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to deal with the extremists forces of this region?

Construction of small hydro-power projects

†*317. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN
SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to give incentives for the construction of the hydro power projects producing 50 to 75 megawatt of electricity;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether it is a fact that small power projects in the country are more beneficial than the big power projects?

Talks with extremist groups in NER

*318. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA:
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made, if any, in the peace

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talks with NSCN, ULFA, BLTF and other organizations in the NER and the nature and present status of cease-fire, agreements made so far;

(b) the number of militant youths surrendered in Assam, year-wise since 1995; and

(c) who the details of incentives being provided to them with number of those got employed in Government service during this period and those who got self employed with specific support from the Government?

**Compulsory Territorial Army Service
for new entrants**

*319. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal to make two months Territorial Army Service compulsory for all new Government service entrants has been finalized; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when this scheme is going to be implemented?

Defence production by HAL

*320. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), despite keen interest from abroad on its products like the Advanced light Helicopter (ALH), is not able to cope up with mass production or series production of India's indigenous aero products;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the fresh steps taken by the Government to involve private companies' consortiums for mass production of these products and to enter export markets for products like ALH and LCA?

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YOGENDRA NARAIN,
Secretary-General.

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