

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Wednesday, the March 12, 2003/Phalguna 21, 1924 (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

Demining in forward areas

*301. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN:
Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased
to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the forward
areas our forces are engaged in clearing
mines without the aid of demining sets and
mine boots;

(b) if so, the number of Jawans killed
and injured so far during the demining
process; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to
stop manual demining to save human lives
as well as complete the demining process
quickly?

Return and rehabilitation of Kashmiri migrants

*302. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:
DR. ABRAR AHMED:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
be pleased to state:

(a) whether any action plan for the
return and rehabilitation of Kashmiri
migrants have been prepared; and

(b) if so, the status of the plan?

Crimes against women

*303. DR. T. SUBBARAMI
REDDY:
SHRIMATI SHABANA
AZMI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the year 2002, there had
been increasing number of crimes against
women;

(b) if so, what were the main reasons
for the same;

(c) what are the efforts being made to
reduce these crimes against women in 2003;

(d) whether any proposals in this regard
have been worked out; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Special C.L. for Central Government employees

*304. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN:
Will the Minister of PERSONNEL,
PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government
employees are eligible for special C.L. when

they participate in National level Sports meet as technical officials;

(b) if so, what is the procedure in obtaining the said leave;

(c) can Government refuse after participation in the sports event; and

(d) if so, what is the justification?

Assistance to States affected by power crisis

†*305. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of State Governments which have sought assistance from Central Government to get rid of power crisis;

(b) the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the details of the provision made by the Central Government to rid the States out of the power crisis?

Schemes for rural electrification

*306. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the Central Schemes under which Rural Electrification Programmes are being launched in the country;

(b) the State-wise break up of the allocation of funds and achievements made in the electrification of villages during last three years (scheme-wise);

(c) the number of villages in the State of Orissa which are yet to be electrified; and

(d) the target date fixed for the electrification of those villages?

Development of "Controlled Shunt Reactor (CSR)" for power transfer

*307. SHRI B. J. PANDA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bharat Heavy Electricals

Limited (BHEL) has developed a unique device, called "Controlled Shunt Reactor (CSR)" the first of its kind in the world, for improving power transfer capability and reducing transmission losses;

(b) whether it is a major breakthrough for the country's power transmission sector and whether this has been commissioned at Power Grid, Itarsi in Madhya Pradesh, as reported in the Hindustan Times dated the 22nd December, 2002; and

(c) the places where it is now proposed to be installed?

Production of coking coal

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

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that production of coking coal in the country is decreasing constantly since last year;

(b) if so, the production during the year 1999-2000;

(c) the assessment with regard to the production of the said coal during the current financial year; and

(d) the reasons for decrease in production constantly?

Priority to drought affected States under "Haryali" scheme

†*309. PROF. ALKA BALRAM
KSHATRIYA:
SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have handed

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over the new "Haryali" scheme financed by the Prime Minister worth rupees 1070 crores relating to harvesting, conservation and irrigation of rain water to two lakh thirty two thousand panchayats of the country;

(b) if so, the names of the States benefited by this new "Haryali" scheme from amongst two lakh thirty two thousand panchayats;

(c) whether drought affected States have been given priority under this scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Power sector reforms

*310. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the State Governments have implemented power sector reforms;

(b) if not, how many States are yet to implement these reforms; and

(c) how the reforms have improved the power sector performance in the States which have implemented the reforms?

Bill to limit mining in Aravali Hills

†*311. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to put any limit on mining in Aravali region;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to bring any Bill to ensure the limit of mining; and

(c) if so, by when the said Bill is proposed to be brought?

Multi-purpose identity cards

*312. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had decided to issue multi-purpose identity

cards to all bonafide citizens above 14 years of age;

(b) whether Government was to launch a pilot project for issuance of I-Cards in seven border States; and

(c) if so, what is the status of this scheme?

Water to all by 2010

*313. SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Ministry of Rural Development would involve important personalities such as winner of Magsaysay Award and NGOs in implementation of Water to all by 2010 programme;

(b) if so, whether Government have identified such personalities, to implement the programme; and

(c) if so, details thereof?

Rural electrification in Bihar

*314. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of electrification programmes undertaken by the Rural Electrification Corporation in Bihar during each of the last three years;

(b) the number of villages electrified during each of the last three years in Bihar; and

(c) the electrification programme for the current year in the State?

Separate jails for women

†*315. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY: SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether arrangement for separate jails for women have been made in all the districts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Special forces in States

*316. SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMACHANDRAYYA:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether during the Chief Minister's Conference on Security, the Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister has suggested and urged the Centre to set up special forces in the States to ensure quick response in tackling situations like hijacking, kidnappings and attacks on religious places;

(b) if so, whether many of the State Governments have also agreed to this proposal;

(c) if so, the number of such States;

(d) whether Government are considering to set up such forces in all the States; and

(e) if so, by what time a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Time limit for submitting proposals under 'Swajaldhara' scheme

*317. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has received complaints from the State Governments that the five days given to States for submitting proposals under the

'Swajaldhara' scheme was not sufficient;

(b) if so, whether Government have extended the time limit in this regard;

(c) whether the work on 'Swajaldhara' has commenced; and

(d) by when this scheme is likely to be completed?

Vision-2020 for facilities in Rural Areas

†*318. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) programmes formulated in Vision-2020 to provide urban facilities in rural areas during the coming three years;

(b) the main features of the programme; and

(c) the details of the cooperation of State Governments for the success of the programme?

Performance of SEBs under APDRP

*319. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the targets set for financial and better performance to be achieved by each State Electricity Board (SEB) under Accelerated Power Development Reform Programme (APDRP);

(b) the circumstances under which SEBs were forced to avail the services of consultants with little experiences of distribution sector;

(c) if so, the details of consultancy charges being paid and whether it will be a grant or loan to SEBs from Government; and

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(d) whether these charges could have been saved by availing the services of CEA; if so, whether Government propose to assign this work to CEA?

Purchase of AJTs and submarines

*320. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI P. PRABHAKAR :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided

to purchase Advance Jet Trainers (AJTs.) and submarines from foreign countries;

(b) whether global tenders were floated therefor and if so, the details thereof;

(c) if answer to part (b) is in negative, the reasons for inordinate delay therefor; and

(d) by when a final decision is expected to be taken?

NEW DELHI;
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Phalguna 15, 1924 (Saka)

YOGENDRA NARAIN,
Secretary-General.

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