

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Thursday, the May 12, 2005/Vaisakha 22, 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)

Total number of questions — 20

#### Functioning of call centres

\*681. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD:  
Will the Minister of  
COMMUNICATIONS AND  
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be  
pleased to state:

(a) whether an IT major which has a large BPO operation has been found to be involved in a scam of swindling funds of one of its customers, a banking company, to the tune of \$ 4,25,000.00;

(b) whether this incident will undermine call centre expansion; and

(c) whether Government would ensure that firms doing BPO work strengthen their systems and processes and make referral checks more stringent?

#### Restructuring of NHAI

\*682. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR  
PRASAD:  
SHRI B. J. PANDA:  
Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD  
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be  
pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to restructure the National Highway Authority of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the authority is proposed to be given a free hand in investment sector; and

(d) to what extent this would help to control delay in the execution of the on-going projects?

#### Project linking Delhi to Trivandrum

\*683. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR  
SANGHI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING,  
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any project linking Delhi and Hyderabad and Hyderabad-Chennai-Bangalore-Trivandrum under Golden Quadrilateral Project;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**National Highway Project connecting Srinagar to Kanyakumari**

\*684. SHRIMATISUKHBUNS KAUR:  
DR. AKHILESH DAS:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Highway Project connecting Srinagar to Kanyakumari passing through Gwalior, has run into rough weather, with various State Governments sleeping over the project clearance;

(b) if so, the States that are yet to clear the project and the ones that have given their clearance, indicating the broad alignment and the length of the stretch involved in each State; and

(c) the forest area, if any, involved in the project?

**Development of infrastructure**

\*685. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has presented road maps for development of roads, ports, railways and other infrastructure to the Cabinet Committee in the month of January, 2005;

(b) if so, what are the main details of the road map prepared by the Planning Commission;

(c) whether the Cabinet has given its green signal;

(d) if so, by when the implementation of this project is likely to be started; and

(e) to what extent it would help in infrastructure development?

**Funding of scientific research**

\*686. SHRIMANOJBHATTACHARYA:  
Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Scientific Advisory Council to the Prime Minister has observed that Government funding in scientific research in academic institutions and Universities has not kept pace with the growing expenses of basic research;

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken in regard thereto?

**Setting up of various Commissions**

\*687. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY:  
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up Administrative Reforms, Judicial and Police Commissions;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when these Commissions would be set up and by when the reports of these Commissions are likely to be submitted to Government?

**Unemployment rate of Engineering Graduates**

\*688. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN:  
Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that unemployment rate of Engineering Graduates is more than 20 per cent;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken to provide employment opportunity to them;

(c) whether U.R. Rao Committee report, in relevance to this is being implemented; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Modernisation of Communication Services in Karnataka**

\*689. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have embarked on modernisation of the telecom services in the country in the face of growing competition from the private players; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard, with budgetary allocation made for such modernisation/upgradation during the last three years, year-wise and circle-wise, with special reference to Karnataka?

#### **Contribution of SSI**

†\*690. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the extent to which Small Scale Industries have contributed in creation of employment opportunities, gross industrial production and exports;

(b) the present policy of Government for Small Scale Industries sector; and

(c) the details of the extent to which this policy has helped to nurture and strengthen this sector?

#### **India's victory in Economic and Social Council of United Nations**

\*691. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has secured a resounding victory in the elections for the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations; and

(b) if so, the names of the countries including P-5, if any, which supported India?

#### **Development of indigenous technology**

\*692. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether technological policy of 1983 promised that fullest support would be given to development of indigenous technology to achieve technological self-reliance in critical areas and in high value added items in which domestic base is strong;

(b) if so, whether the scientific revolution of 20th century has made unprecedented impact on the economic growth and social development;

(c) if so, whether Government's Science and Technology Policy of 2003 has made a number of declarations;

(d) to what extent it has given further improvement in technological policy; and

(e) to what extent this new policy has been helpful to India's growth?

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†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Land sliding due to coal mining in Jharkhand**

†\*693. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the mining activities being undertaken in coal fields of Jharkhand have posed a threat of land sliding in urban areas;

(b) if so, the number of such affected areas alongwith comprehensive details thereof; and

(c) the number of incidents of land sliding fact have occurred, so far during the last five years and loss of life and property in such accidents?

**Construction of youth hostels in Karnataka**

\*694. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals sent by the State Government of Karnataka seeking financial assistance for the construction of youth hostels in Karnataka;

(b) how many youth hostels have been sanctioned to Karnataka; and

(c) the amount released for this purpose during the financial years 2003-04 and 2004-05?

**Coal requirement**

\*695. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of requirement of coal by the various power plants, steel plants, cement plants and railways and other

Departments in the different parts of the country during the last three years; and

(b) the total quantity of coal supplied to these plants during this period?

**Indo-Bangladesh talk**

\*696. SHRIMATI JAMANA DEVI BARUPAL: DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India-Bangladesh talks in the month of January, 2005 have reached some final stage;

(b) if so, whether Bangladesh has assured India that rebel bases would be checked in that country;

(c) if so, whether issue of Bangladesh infiltration to India was also discussed;

(d) if so, what is the outcome of talks held;

(e) to what extent Bangladesh have dismantled their rebel camps and also checked infiltration to India; and

(f) whether BSF Jawans were killed by Bangladesh forces in the month of April, 2005?

**CBI raids**

\*697. SHRI AMAR SINGH: SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that CBI has recently raided the premises of certain Officers of Delhi Police and Municipal Corporation of Delhi and unearthed

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disproportionate assets to the extent of several crores;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the respective Departments had earlier received any complaints against these officials and if so, the details thereof and what action was taken against them?

#### **Mumbai Urban Infrastructure Project**

\*698. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Maharashtra had submitted a proposal called "Mumbai Urban Infrastructure Project" costing about Rs. 2,647 crores in June, 2003;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal and Government's response thereto;

(c) whether the State Government had requested for a special Central grant of Rs. 647 crores for the project; and

(d) if so, Government's decision in this regard?

#### **Sanctioned strength of CSS officers**

\*699. SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS BAL APTE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sanctioned strength of CSS officers in the grade of Director, Deputy Secretary and Under Secretary as on the 3rd October, 2003;

(b) the number of CSS officers working as Director/Deputy Secretary/Under Secretary on regular and *ad-hoc* basis not *in situ* basis as on the 3rd October, 2003; and

(c) the number of CSS officers who were made Under Secretary (*ad-hoc*) from Under Secretary (*in-situ*) in March, 2004?

#### **Simplification of visa formalities**

\*700. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal from Pakistan and Indian Governments to further simplify visa formalities and to start sea link between Mumbai and Karachi; and

(b) whether there is also any proposal to further simplify police registration formalities for citizens of both sides?

NEW DELHI;  
The 6th May, 2005  

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Vaisakha 16, 1927 (Saka)

YOGENDRA NARAIN,  
Secretary-General.

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