#### RAJYA SABHA

#### List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on Monday, the July 12, 2004/Asadha 21, 1926 (Saka)

(Ministries: Commerce and Industry; Culture; Development of North-Eastern Region; Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises; Human Resource Development; Information and Broadcasting; Law and Justice; Parliamentary Affairs; Social Justice and Empowerment; Tribal Affairs; Urban Development; Urban Employment and Poverty Alleviation)

#### Total number of questions — 20

#### IIT students leaving India

\*81. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that twenty per cent of the IITians are still leaving India inspite of globalisation and liberalisation;
- (b) whether Government have any statistics indicating the number of IITians who have left India during the last three years, year-wise and institution-wise; and
- (c) the steps being taken by Government to stop this brain-drain?

# Statutory Authority for private TV channels

\*82. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are considering a separate statutory authority for regulating the functioning of private television channels in the wake of spurt in their number;
- (b) whether TRAI has decided to come out with separate national policies on broadcasting and distribution of television channels and FM radio:
- (c) if so, whether Government have taken the view of the media experts and others in this regard; and
- (d) if so, whether any concrete proposal in this regard has been worked out?

# NCERT text books in CBSE affiliated schools

- \*83. SHRIS.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that NCERT published textbooks are studied exclusively by students in the CBSE affiliated schools;
- (b) the subjects in which NCERT books are exclusively prescribed and since when;
- (c) number of times revisions, if any, carried out in the originally published books on the respective subjects;

- (d) the procedure laid down and followed in carrying out such revisions on each occasion;
- (e) whether NCERT book (s) on any subject are presently undergoing revision;
  - (f) if so, the details thereof; and
  - (g) the reasons therefor?

#### Revival of tea plantations in Himachal Pradesh

- †\*84. SHRI SURESH BHARDWAJ: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the Tea Board is taking steps to revive the old tea plantations in Himachal Pradesh;
- (b) the area of land covered under the old tea plantations in the State;
- (c) whether the Tea Board is considering to give a package to the State to save the Kangra tea industry; and
  - (d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Foreign investment in education

- †\*85. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have taken any decision to allow the foreign capital investment in the field of education;
- (b) if so, the facts in this regard and the areas in the field of education decided to be given priority for the purpose; and
- (c) the percentage of foreign capital investment which has been decided to be allowed in each field of education?

#### Schemes for tribals in Kerala

- \*86. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government are aware of the media reports about the misery of tribals in Kerala;
  - (b) if so, the action taken in this regard;
- (c) whether any study or steps have been initiated to prevent depletion of the bio-diversity in the region; and
- (d) if so, whether any schemes have been initiated to provide land and work for the jobless tribals of Wayanad district of Kerala?

## Special grant to colleges

- \*87. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the University Grants Commission has chalked out a scheme to give special grant to the colleges showing good performance to enable them to achieve higher standards;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether such colleges have since been identified; and
  - (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

### Opening of farm trade

- \*88. SHRI MANOJ BHATTA-CHARYA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the trade representatives from different countries recently met at

<sup>†</sup>Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Geneva to discuss the rules for opening up of formal farm trade;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the stand taken by Government to safeguard the interests of the Indian farmers vis-a-vis the policy of the Western countries of providing huge subsidies to their own farmers, , making it impossible for the farming sector in the country to compete in the global market; and
- (d) the success achieved by India in this regard?

#### Growth of electronic media

- \*89. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government are aware that uncontrolled growth of electronic media in the field of advertisements is badly affecting the cultural health of the society;
- (b) whether any assessment of the adverse effect of such advertisements on socio-cultural environment has been made;
- (c) the details of the steps taken against the erring and ugly pictures in both advertisements and other film-shows during the last one year; and
- (d) the details of Government's policy to be adopted in this respect?

## Ban on advertisements of liquor

- †\*90. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Government have imposed a total ban on telecast of advertisements of liquor in print and electronic media;

- (b) if so, whether it is a fact that certain liquor manufacturing companies are freely telecasting advertisements of soda in the name of famous brands of liquor in print and electronic media, which is mockery of the said ban:
- (c) if so, the preventive steps being taken by the Government; and
- (d) if no action has been taken so far, the reasons therefor?

#### Transfer of teachers in Kendriya Vidyalayas

- †\*91. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) what are the norms for transfer of teachers in Kendriya Vidyalayas;
- (b) whether any relaxation in the norms is provided to the lady teachers;
- (c) whether there is any provision for posting of the spouse of a Government servant in the same area, in case both of them are posted in different areas/States;
- (d) whether there is any provision for posting of teachers having the burden of familial responsibilities, specially towards their old parents and in-laws, in near by schools; and
- (e) if not, the steps being contemplated by Government to change the transfer policy in such cases?

## Fall in GDP growth rate

\*92. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA: DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

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

<sup>†</sup>Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

- (a) whether the Economic and Social Survey for Asia and Pacific, 2004 conducted by the United Nations has highlighted that India's Gross Domestic Product growth rate could drop to 6 percent in 2004 after registering a growth rate of 7.5 percent in 2003;
- (b) if so, the other aspects of the survey;
- (c) whether India was among the fifteen nations invited to take part in the eleventh session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development held in Brazil on June 13 this year; and
- (d) if so, the issues discussed in the conference and to what extent India has been benefited by participating in this conference?

#### Autonomy of DD/AIR

- †\*93. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact a that autonomy of Doordarshan and Akashwani has been constantly on decrease despite the existence of the Prasar Bharti since the last few years;
- (b) if so, whether it is also a fact that as a consequence thereof there has been considerable degradation in the quality of its programmes; and
- (c) if so, what action Government are taking to make Doordarshan and Akashwani autonomous and independent?

#### Violation of Master Plan

- \*94. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Development Authority has violated the Master Plan;
- (b) whether the Master Plan was mandatory; and
- (c) whether any court case is pending against such violation?

#### Adopted Child Home Scheme

- †\*95. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether 'Adopted Child Home Scheme' is not operating successfully so far;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the said scheme is not making any progress due to carelessness of the voluntary organisations?

# Incentives for export of foodgrains

\*96. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA:

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

- (a) the details of new foodgrain export policy;
- (b) the incentives given to exporters under the new policy; and
- (c) the steps proposed for special thrust on wheat and rice exports?

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#### Ranking of licensed private engineering and management institutions

\*97. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to rank all the licensed private engineering and management institutions in the country;
- (b) the number of institutions to be covered for this purpose;
- (c) the number of institutions approved by AICTE; State-wise; and
- (d) the number of institutions that have got accreditation from the AICTE, State-wise?

#### Export of services

- \*98. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have taken up with W.T.O. the matter regarding elimination of existing barriers to services exports; and
  - (b) if so, the result thereof?

## **Provisions for free schooling**

\*99. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether compulsory and free schooling of children between the age of six to fourteen years has been initiated;
  - (b) if so, the progress made so far; and
- (c) the measures taken to achieve the goal of universalisation of the elementary schooling by exploring the resources to make the right to education a reality?

## Malpractices in public schools

- †\*100. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that the management in most of the public schools is arbitrarly charging tuition fees and donation for the admission of the students:
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the management in such schools is giving less salary to the teachers and taking the receipt of full amount; and
- (c) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to check such cheating by the managements of public schools?

New Delhi; *The 6th July*, 2004 *Asadha* 15, 1926 (Saka) YOGENDRA NARAIN, Secretary-General.

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