

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Monday, the March 13, 2006/Phalguna 22, 1927 (Saka)*

(Ministries: Agro and Rural Industries; Communications and Information Technology; Development of North Eastern Region; Human Resource Development; Information and Broadcasting; Law and Justice; Mines; Minority Affairs; Parliamentary Affairs; Small Scale Industries; Social Justice and Empowerment; Tribal Affairs; Women and Child Development)

Total number of questions — 20

Setting up of electronic telephone exchanges in Jammu and Kashmir

*301. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the numbers of electronic telephone exchanges set up and functioning in Jammu and Kashmir at present;

(b) whether some more such exchanges are likely to be opened in near future; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, location-wise?

Welfare of minorities

†*302. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to implement a 15 point programme for the welfare of minorities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Financial support by IAS, Shimla

*303. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla was actively involved with financial support in patronising a religious ceremony in which Brahmins were given dakshinas as reported in the findings of the Review Committee set up by Government to look into the affairs of the IAS;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to take action against the authorities of IAS for vitiating the functions of IAS;

(d) if so, the details of the action proposed to be taken; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Improvement in connectivity of mobile phones

*304. SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS BAL APTE:
SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to improve the mobile phone line connectivity in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government have formulated any scheme for this purpose;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government have any target for increasing mobile phone lines in the country during the current year;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the position of mobile phone line connectivity as on January, 2006?

Programmes of DD and AIR

*305. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Doordarshan Kendra and All India Radio are producing regular programmes including song, music and news bulletin in all recognised Indian languages;

(b) whether programmes in some languages, which are recognised by the State but not by the Centre, are also produced in regular or casual manner; and

(c) if so, the details of the nature of programmes?

Schemes of education of SC/ST and OBC students

*306. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of schemes being implemented for SC/ST and OBC candidates for their primary, secondary and higher education;

(b) the details thereof alongwith the allocation of funds provided under each category during the last two years; and

(c) the funds utilised in each category, year-wise?

Implementation of Tribal Development Project

*307. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA : Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Integrated Tribal Development Projects being implemented in Rajasthan, alongwith the details thereof;

(b) the amount provided by Government to each of these projects during the last three years and the amount actually spent thereon;

(c) the projects out of the above which have been completed;

(d) if so, the achievements thereof;

(e) whether any proposal under ITDP from the State Government are still pending for consideration with the Centre; and

(f) if so, the details and status thereof?

Reach of DD-India

*308. SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether after the recent visit of the

Prime Minister to USA, UK and the Middle East, Doordarshan has conducted a study on the impact and reach of Doordarshan India (DD-India) channel;

(b) whether it is a fact that tenders were invited for conducting feasibility study for these countries and companies have been short-listed;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether despite PMO's instructions and tenders specification, letter of offer has been issued only for Middle East; and

(e) if so, what are the reasons for not issuing letter of offer for USA and UK and steps being taken for include them as prescribed in the tender document?

Increase in number of Notaries in Kerala

*309. SHRIN.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Kerala has sought the sanction to enhance the number of Notaries, considering the special circumstances prevailing in the State;

(b) whether Government propose to enhance the number of Notaries, as requested; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor?

Scheme for development of primitive tribal groups

*310. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY
SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the aims and the objectives of the

Development of Primitive Tribal Groups Scheme run by Government;

(b) whether the above Scheme is implemented in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(c) if so, the details of tribal groups covered in Andhra Pradesh, district-wise;

(d) whether the pathetic condition of Chenchu, a primitive tribal from Mahaboob Nagar district has come to the notice of Government; and

(e) if so, the steps Government have taken for the welfare and upliftment of these primitive tribals in the last five years?

Publishing of telephone directories

*311. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number and names of cities other than metros for which MTNL brings out telephone directories;

(b) when were the last directories brought out in respect of these cities;

(c) whether it is a fact that for the last several years, no telephone directories have been brought out in respect of these cities, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when the next issue of telephone directories is likely to be brought out?

Rent-free connections by BSNL

*312. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether BSNL has made all the landline connections rent free;

(b) if so, since when;

(c) whether the same facility is

proposed to be provided by MTNL in Delhi and Mumbai; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Funds for private telecom operators for rural telephony

*313. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have planned to provide funds to private operators to create telecom infrastructure in rural areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any target has been fixed for those operators to provide telephone facilities in rural areas;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Nuns as lawyers

*314. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Karnataka High Court has ordered that Nuns cannot be lawyers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Nuns are eligible to acquire a degree in law;

(d) if so, the reasons for denying them the right to make use of their qualifications; and

(e) the steps Government propose in this regard?

Autonomous colleges

*315. PROF. P.J. KURIAN : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to give permission for more autonomous colleges;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the number of such autonomous colleges in the State of Kerala?

Inclusion of "Autism" under Disability Act

†*316. SHRI VASANT CHAVAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the persons suffering from mental disorders such as "Autism" have not been included in the 'Persons with Disability Act;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, the relevant clauses of the Act in which this disease has been included alongwith the details thereof?

Scholarship to engineering students

*317. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether schemes are under implementation by Government to provide merit scholarship to engineering students;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the number of students being given scholarship, State-wise, and the eligibility criteria laid down therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that the number of scholarships being given is far less considering the size of the country; and

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(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to increase the number of scholarships in engineering field?

Development of sick SSIs

*318. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of recent RBI report stating that increasing incidences of SSIs declaring themselves sick is a reason for slowing growth of flow of bank credit to the sector;

(b) whether Government are of the view that the trend may lead to drying up of a major source of financial assistance to the SSIs in the country; and

(c) whether any plans have been formulated or steps being taken to increase and promote the credit and loan sources for development of SSI sector in India?

Voluntary organisations engaged in welfare of orphans and destitutes

*319. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the voluntary

organisations working for welfare of orphans and destitute children especially among the tribals in Jharkhand, indicating places and the nature of activity the respective organisations engaged therein and the estimated number of beneficiaries;

(b) the details of funds provided by Government to each organisation during the last five years, year-wise;

(c) whether any organisation has been black-listed during the period; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, including action taken against them?

Shortage of skilled human and educational resources

*320. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the country is facing shortage of both skilled human resources and educational resources;

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

(c) the details of the steps taken by Government for higher education in the country?

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YOGENDRA NARAIN,
Secretary-General.

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