

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on*

*Monday, the May 13, 2002/Vaisakha 23, 1924 (Saka)*

**(Ministries : Development of North Eastern Region; Disinvestment;  
Health and Family Welfare; Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises;  
Information and Broadcasting; Law, Justice and Company Affairs;  
Shipping; Social Justice and Empowerment; Tribal Affairs;  
Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation)**

### Total number of questions—20

#### Regional reservation in Karnataka

\*661. DR. (Ms.) P. SELVIE DAS: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Karnataka has forwarded a proposal for amendment of Constitution for providing regional reservation in Karnataka in the field of education, employment etc.;

(b) if so, the details of the action taken in this regard;

(c) whether any similar requests have been received by Government from other States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Cumulative losses of CPSUs

\*662. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the cumulative losses of 43 Central PSUs for the last ten years stand at Rs. 34,261 crores as on 31st March, 2001;

(b) whether 76.12 per cent of these

losses are by five major PSUs, which are continuing to operate in spite of incurring heavy losses; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government to improve their working?

#### Approval of TV serials

\*663. SHRI HARENDRA SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of norms adopted for giving approval to TV serials;

(b) whether many irregularities have been noticed in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government against guilty persons/officers?

#### Staff for Fast Track Courts

\*664. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Fast Track Courts do not have adequate staff; and

(b) if so, how can they be expected to function efficiently and really work as Fast Track Courts?

#### **FDI in real estate**

\*665. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the housing industry which will have to construct around 6.5 million dwelling units per year till 2010 to meet the Prime Minister's 'Shelter for all' has made a strong plea to Government to allow Foreign Direct Investment in the real estate sector;

(b) if so, whether they have also called for a reduction in the steep stamp duty imposed by the States;

(c) if so, whether any programme in this regard has been worked out by Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Anti-piracy body for film and music industries**

\*666. SHRI C. P. THIRUNAVUK-KARASU: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set-up a National Anti-piracy Umbrella Body for the film and music industries, as suggested by the CII-Errot and Young Report on Entertainment;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of other recommendations made in the report and the reaction of Government thereto?

#### **Compensation to gardener killed in terrorists attack**

†\*667. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the officers of C.P.W.D. are refusing even to talk to the family members of the gardener of their Department who was killed by the terrorists in Parliament House on 13th December, 2001;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the family has not received any assistance from the aforesaid Department, so far; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and whether Government propose to issue urgent orders for providing financial assistance to the said family?

#### **Reports of National Minorities Commission**

†\*668. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of reports of National Minorities Commission which have not been presented in Parliament and by when the same would be presented;

(b) whether Government have taken any action on the said reports; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **National Illness Assistance Fund**

\*669. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total grant-in-aid released to States under National Illness Assistance Fund during the last three years;

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†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) the types of illness/ailments covered under the scheme;

(c) whether it is a fact that Medical Superintendents of AIIMS, JIPMER, Pondicherry were given funds for providing immediate financial assistance to poor patients;

(d) whether this scheme/facility is being extended to reputed hospitals of other States; and

(e) whether there is a proposal to increase the amount of assistance under the scheme?

#### **Rabies vaccine**

†\*670. SHRI DEVI PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that thousands of persons die of dog biting even today for want of rabies vaccine in the country;

(b) if so, the efforts to be made by Government for having adequate stock of rabies vaccine in Government hospitals throughout the country; and

(c) whether Government propose to initiate action against the officials responsible for not maintaining adequate stock of the rabies vaccine and other vital vaccines?

#### **Pending applications for grant for old age homes in Kerala**

\*671. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the applications for sanction of grants for old age homes from Kerala pending with his Ministry;

(b) since when these applications are

pending; and

(c) the reasons for delay in sanctioning the grants to each of the organisations which have applied for grants?

#### **Child marriages in Chhattisgarh**

\*672. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:  
SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, '3000 child marriages in Chhattisgarh', which appeared in the Hindu (Delhi editions), dated the 24th April, 2002;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken, if any, against the Collector who failed to prevent it though he was informed about the child marriages in advance by Sarpanch; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to prevent the child marriages in future in the State?

#### **VLPT/HPT TV Towers in Himachal Pradesh**

†\*673. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number and the locations of the VLPT/HPT TV towers to be installed by Government in Himachal Pradesh in the financial year 2002-2003;

(b) the amount to be spent on each TV tower by Government; and

(c) whether Government would consider to convert the VLPT of Shimla into HPT so that the programmes of Doordarshan can be viewed without any

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disturbance?

**Incentives under new Population Policy**

\*674. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to provide some incentives to the people under the new Population Policy for controlling the population of the country;

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

(c) the details of achievements made, so far, in controlling the country's population?

**Review of rate structure of DAVP advertisements**

\*675. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have constituted a Committee to carry out a comprehensive review of existing rate structure of DAVP advertisements; and

(b) if so, the composition of the Committee alongwith its terms of reference?

**Family Courts in Delhi**

\*676. SHRI B. J. PANDA: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to set-up Family Courts in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal;

(c) the Centres where such courts would be set-up in Delhi;

(d) whether land has been allotted for the purpose and construction started for building of the courts; and

(e) the types of cases that would be entrusted to the Family Courts and the benefits derived out of this set-up?

**Upgradation of technology in DD and AIR**

\*677. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the major initiatives proposed to be taken by her Ministry with regard to upgradation of technology in DD and AIR in the Tenth Five Year Plan; and

(b) the target fixed for coverage of FM Radio Service in the Tenth Five Year Plan?

**Non-lapsable Pool**

\*678. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the background of forming the non-lapsable pool of resources, total amount accrued in the non-lapsable pool of resources since its inception, criteria fixed for disbursement of fund and amount disbursed till March, 2002, State-wise;

(b) whether Government of Assam has proposed for funding the implementing agency directly for implementation of State roads as is the practice for National Highways;

(c) if not, the response therefor; and  
(d) the action taken by Government in this regard?

**Formulation of National  
Slum Policy**

\*679. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMA-CHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister had convened a meeting of Chief Ministers and Housing and Urban Development Ministers of all States for formulation of the National Slum Policy;

(b) if so, the number of Chief Ministers attended the meeting;

(c) the main issues discussed therein;

(d) whether any formulation of the National Slum Policy was considered; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Clearance of medical claims**

\*680. PROF. M. SANKARA-LINGAM:  
SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of medical reimbursement claims of Government pensioners received in his Ministry under the CGHS relating to the period 1st January, 2002 to 31st March, 2002 could not be cleared by 31st March, 2002;

(b) the number of claims and amount, out of the above, remaining unpaid as on date and the reasons why the reimbursement has not been sanctioned/paid;

(c) by when the claims will be settled; and

(d) what is the minimum time taken by the Ministry to settle the claims?

NEW DELHI;  
*The 7th May, 2002*  
*Vaisakha 17, 1924 (Saka)*

R. C. TRIPATHI,  
*Secretary-General.*

## **I N D E X**

(Ministry-wise)

<b>Development of North Eastern Region</b>	: 678,
<b>Disinvestment</b>	: —
<b>Health and Family Welfare</b>	: 669, 670, 674, 680,
<b>Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises</b>	: 662,
<b>Information and Broadcasting</b>	: 663, 666, 673, 675, 677,
<b>Law, Justice and Company Affairs</b>	: 664, 676,
<b>Shipping</b>	: —
<b>Social Justice and Empowerment</b>	: 661, 668, 671, 672,
<b>Tribal Affairs</b>	: —
<b>Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation</b>	: 665, 667, 679.









