

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Friday, the December 13, 2002/Agrahayana 22, 1924 (Saka)

(Ministries: Agriculture; Chemicals and Fertilizers; Environment and Forests;
Food Processing Industries; Human Resource Development;
Ocean Development; Railways; Science and Technology; Steel;
Youth Affairs and Sports)

Total number of questions—20

Study of Railway bridges

*341. SHRI DIPANKAR
MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of
RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has
been drawn to the new-sitem captioned,
"Railway Staff study bridges abroad",
published in The Times of India dated the
4th November, 2002;

(b) if so, whether there was any
proposal to send a Railway team abroad,
to study inspection methods of bridges, as
reported;

(c) if so, whether any team was sent or
is being sent; and

(d) the justification for sending the team?

Funds to drought/flood affected States

*342. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Centre had decided to
release more funds from the Contingency
Fund, to help the drought and flood affected
States to fund relief efforts, when the funds
from the Calamity Relief Fund are not enough
to meet their demand;

(b) if so, to what extent the Centre has
released funds to the affected States; and

(c) to what extent the affected States
have utilised these funds?

Bio-pesticide from custard apple

*343. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH:
Will the Minister of CHEMICALS
AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Institute of Chemical
Technology, Hyderabad, has produced a
Bio-pesticide from the seeds of custard
apple;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Institute applied to the
Central Insecticides Board for a license, to
introduce the product for commercial use,
nearly two years back;

(d) if so, whether the license has been
issued;

(e) if not, the reasons for the delay in
issuing the license;

(f) whether half a dozen important
discoveries made by the above Institute are
pending for clearance from Central
Insecticides Board; and

(g) if so, the reasons for not giving the
clearance?

<p>Allocations for rail over bridges</p> <p>*344. SHRI R. KAMARAJ: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:</p> <p>(a) the details of financial allocations by the centre, for the on-going construction of rail over-bridges, all over the country, zone-wise;</p> <p>(b) the proposals pending for approval of the Centre for construction of rail over-bridges, State-wise; and</p> <p>(c) the time-frame fixed by Government for clearance of the pending proposals, in view of the heavy vehicular traffic?</p> <p>Closure of fertilizer plants</p> <p>†*345. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:</p> <p>(a) the details of fertilizers plants closed down by Government in the country and the reasons for their closure;</p> <p>(b) whether the concerned State Governments and public of those States have opposed this move; and</p> <p>(c) if so, the action Government are taking to restart those plants?</p> <p>Floriculture development in Tamil Nadu</p> <p>*346. SHRI P.G. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:</p> <p>(a) whether Integrated Development of Floriculture, a Central Scheme, is under implementation in Tamil Nadu;</p> <p>(b) if so, the details thereof;</p> <p>(c) whether the Ministry propose to increase the cold storage plants, for the benefit of such farmers; and</p>	<p>(d) if so, the details thereof?</p> <p>Indian Council of Veterinary Research</p> <p>*347. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:</p> <p>(a) whether Government are considering any proposal to constitute Indian Council of Veterinary Research; and</p> <p>(b) if so, the details thereof?</p> <p>Conversion of forest land</p> <p>*348. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY:</p> <p>Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:</p> <p>(a) whether it is a fact that proposals from various States have been received by Government, seeking environmental clearance for conversion of certain forest lands, for purposes other than forestry;</p> <p>(b) if so, the details and the status of such proposals, State-wise;</p> <p>(c) whether the Karnataka Government has sought approval for release of forest land for rehabilitation of tribal families, displaced on account of Bandipur National Park and construction of Kanini Reservoir; and</p> <p>(d) if so, the reaction of Government in this regard?</p> <p>Indian students in foreign universities</p> <p>*349. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:</p> <p>(a) whether any study has been conducted to analyse the problems increasingly faced by the larger number of</p>
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Indian students enrolling themselves in foreign universities for higher education and specialised courses; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken/proposed to be taken to safeguard the interests of the student community, especially measures against bogus foreign universities?

Boosting to Bio-technology sector

*350. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India is posing for phenomenal growth in Bio-technology;

(b) if so, what is the estimated potential of the country; and

(c) what steps are being taken to give a boost to the Bio-technology sector?

Disaster Management system in Railways

*351. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA: DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the wake of criticism of rescue and relief operations during the recent derailment of Rajdhani Express, the Ministry has constituted a high-level five member committee to review the Disaster Management System;

(b) if so, whether the Chairman of the Railway Board has set up two multi-disciplinary inspection teams to carry out intensive inspection of accident-prone sections on the entire rail work and suggest corrective measures at the level of the General Managers;

(c) whether the Committees have submitted their reports; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Management of Anganwadis by Panchayats

*352. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plan to hand over the management of Anganwadi centers to Panchayats, NGOs or any community-based organizations;

(b) whether some States have already handed over the management of Anganwadi centers to Panchayats and Mother's Committees causing great problems to the Anganwadi workers and helpers; and

(c) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard?

Reduction in green house gases

*353. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to ratify the Kyoto Protocol of 1997, for a time bound reduction of Green House Gases, responsible for global warming and climatic changes;

(b) if so, the details in this regard and the steps taken so far, in that direction;

(c) the steps taken by Government for reduction of green house gases, since 1997, so far; and

(d) the outcome thereof?

Literacy among SCs and STs	Computerisation of railway stations in NER
<p>*354. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:</p> <p>(a) the percentage of literacy in the country and in different States, as per the latest statistics;</p> <p>(b) the percentage of literacy among Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes;</p> <p>(c) what steps Government propose to take to raise the literacy rate among the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes; and</p> <p>(d) the impact of privatisation of higher education on Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes students?</p>	<p>*356. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: SHRI R. KAMARAJ:</p> <p>Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:</p> <p>(a) the details of railway stations in the country, particularly in States of NER, computerised, so far, State-wise;</p> <p>(b) the estimated cost involved therein; and</p> <p>(c) the station-wise/Railway Zone-wise number of railway stations in the country proposed to be computerised during the Tenth Five Year Plan?</p>
Wild life poaching in Uttaranchal	Penalty for crimes against wild animals
<p>†*355. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:</p> <p>Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:</p> <p>(a) whether it is a fact that Uttaranchal is a safe heaven for smugglers in wild life;</p> <p>(b) if so, the number of cases with regard to poaching of wild animals registered during the last decade in the State; and</p> <p>(c) the details of action plan Government have made, in collaboration with the State Government, to curb the activities of a gang which has been active since 1990-1991 in Uttaranchal?</p>	<p>†*357. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:</p> <p>(a) the provisions in force to impose penalty for crimes against wild animals;</p> <p>(b) whether Government are contemplating to increase the amount of penalty adequately, under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 for such crimes, in order to deter the offenders;</p> <p>(c) whether some State Governments have also proposed to increase the amount of penalty for such crimes; and</p> <p>(d) if so, the details thereof?</p>

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Lakes in Bangalore

*358. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Karnataka Government has sought Rs. 250 crore central assistance to conserve and develop the lakes, in and around Bangalore; and

(b) if so, what is the present status of the above proposal?

Central Schools in H.P.

*359. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal for opening of more Central Schools in Himachal Pradesh, for the education of children of serving and ex-servicemen;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;

(c) which districts/locations are covered under this scheme and by when this scheme is likely to be materialised; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Literacy rate among dalit women

†*360. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the literacy rate among dalit women in the country, State-wise;

(b) the States where it is the lowest;

(c) whether any special action plan has been formulated for the States, where literacy rate is the lowest; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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YOGENDRA NARAIN,
Secretary-General.

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