

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Monday, the December 13, 2004/Agrahayana 22, 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

Atrocities against women in Kerala

*161. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN:
SHRI K. CHANDRAN
PILLAI:

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

(a) whether the National Commission for Women has received any complaints regarding cases of atrocities against women from Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof, incident-wise; and

(c) the details of the action taken thereon?

Languages spoken in the country

*162. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
SHRI SANTOSH
BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) how many languages are spoken

all over the country as per Government records;

(b) whether it is a fact that at the opening day of UNESCO's meet on "Safeguarding the World's Intangible Heritage" it was disclosed that the future of about 80 per cent of the Indian languages was uncertain; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take in order to keep the less spoken languages alive?

Privatisation of Madarsas and Islamic education

†*163. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Madarsas and Islamic education centres are being privatised; if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government have any scheme to introduce modern education system therein; if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

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(c) whether Islamic degree holder students get the opportunities for Government services and if not, the reasons therefor?

Payment of statutory dues of loss making PSUs

*164. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have taken a decision to give a budgetary support of Rs. 517 crores to 24 loss making public sector companies to clean the outstanding payment of salary and statutory dues of forty five thousand employees;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the estimated losses of the above 24 public sector undertakings is now Rs. 1800 crores; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Constitutional status to Minorities Commission

*165. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to accord constitutional status to the Minorities Commission;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when it would be implemented?

Status of the ICDS

*166. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are achieving

slow progress in the implementation of the Integrated Child Development Scheme for providing nutritional food to poor children and establishing of Anganwadi centres; and

(b) if so, the status of implementation of the Scheme?

Indo-Pakistan trade talks

*167. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the nature of trade talks held between India and Pakistan during SAARC meeting held recently at Islamabad; and

(b) the decisions arrived at and the extent to which the trade between the two neighbours is expected to improve?

FICCI report on globalisation

†*168. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

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

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the study report namely "Fair Globalisation" of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industries;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the Indian economy has been reported to be more liberal than that of the economy of US and Japan; and

(c) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

Admission guidelines in KVS

*169. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the guidelines issued

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by the KVS governing admission in the Kendriya Vidyalayas;

(b) whether these guidelines have been approved by Government;

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

(d) the criteria or deadline fixed for calculation whether adequate eligible children are available or not for admission in a particular KV in Class 11th, stream-wise; and

(e) the steps Government propose to take to streamline the admission policy of KVs for Class 11th, stream-wise?

Tribal universities

*170. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would consider to establish Tribal universities in the country including for technical education; and

(b) if so, whether any concrete policy would be evolved soon?

Failure of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan

*171. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have assessed the failure of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that 66 per cent additional posts of primary teachers are still lying vacant; if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(d) the reasons for not filling the vacancies and the details of the future plan in this regard?

Allotment of land by Land and Development Office

*172. SHRI AMAR SINGH : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have ordered a probe into the cases of allotment of land made by the Land and Development Office since 1998-99;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Committee probing into the matter had submitted any report and if so, the details thereof and if not, by when it is likely to be submitted?

Vishesh Krishi Upaj Yojana

*173. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: SHRI RAMA MUNIREDDY SIRIGIREDDY:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have introduced a new scheme called Vishesh Krishi Upaj Yojana through foreign trade policy with a primary aim to boost exports of fruits, vegetables and flowers;

(b) whether Government are giving any duty exemption for exporting these products;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the amount that has been spent on producing horticulture products during the last three years, year-wise?

Development of SC/ST/OBC

*174. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are closely monitoring the funds inflow from the States/UTs and the Central Ministries under the Special Component Plan intended to achieve overall development of SC/ST/OBC communities;

(b) if so, whether the current fund flow under SCP is in proportion of the population of SC/ST/OBC in the States;

(c) how many States/UTs, having a sizeable population of SCs, are setting apart adequate funds under SCP;

(d) whether only 12 Central Ministries/Departments have formulated the SCP; and

(e) if so, whether Government would prevail upon the rest to fall in line?

Projects for NE States

*175. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH-EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the projects and their status that have been undertaken by North Eastern Regional Agricultural Marketing Corporation Ltd. in the North Eastern States;

(b) the details of the projects set up in Tripura;

(c) whether Government are aware that the pineapple processing project at Nalkata of Tripura is deteriorating year by year and the rate of production is showing downward trend; and

(d) if so, the remedial measures taken in this regard?

India's rank in the World Education Sector

*176. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI:
SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD:

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

(a) the place of India in the World ranking in the realm of education currently;

(b) whether the place of India in the ranking is continuously sliding downwards; and

(c) if so, the details of the action taken by Government to avoid this downward slide in the ranking among the countries of the world in the realm of education?

Trial of cases under Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act

*177. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether exclusive special courts have been set-up by the Central Government and the State Governments for speedy trial of cases under the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Andhra Pradesh;

(c) the number of cases filed, the percentage of pendency and convictions, State-wise as on date; and

(d) the reasons for the low percentage of convictions?

Notice on land sanctioned to Escorts Hospital

*178. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether DDA has served notice to the Escorts hospital authorities in connection with the land originally sanctioned to the hospital;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the response of the hospital authorities thereto; and

(d) Government's reaction thereto?

Heavy industries in Himachal Pradesh

†*179. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in spite of availability of electricity in huge quantity, comparatively peaceful environment and also having favourable conditions for heavy industry in Himachal Pradesh, Government have not established any heavy industry in the State so far;

(b) if so, whether Government would consider to set up any heavy industry in the State, keeping in view the above favourable conditions; and

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

Job opportunities

*180. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of educated unemployed and uneducated job-seekers in urban cities has grown across the country;

(b) the city-wise details of post-graduate, graduate, under-graduate and ITI qualified job-seekers, skilled and unskilled unemployed labourers in various age-groups as on 1st January of year 1991, 1992, 1995, 1996, 1998, 2000, 2002 and 2004 duly indicating their percentage *vis-a-vis* population in the respective years;

(c) the details of job-seekers secured employment in respective categories during the relevant years;

(d) the estimated population of job-seeking youth by 2010;

(e) the measures contemplated, if any, for achieving quantum enhancement in job opportunities; and

(f) the time-frame thereof?

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YOGENDRA NARAIN,
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