

## 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 14, 2005/Phalguna 23, 1926 (Saka)*

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

**Total number of questions—20**

#### **School drop outs**

\*161. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the drop out rate in schools is high and more than forty per cent of children enrolled in class I do not complete education upto class VIII;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the number of children enrolled in class I and who do not complete education upto class V and class VIII for the last three years, year-wise, State-wise and category-wise;

(c) the reasons for such high drop outs;

(d) whether there is any scheme or projects to check the school drop outs especially for the girls and to compel the school attendance;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reason therefor?

#### **Special courses in Universities**

†\*162. PROF. R. B. S. VARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce special courses such as ocean technology, meteorology and disaster management in the Universities located near coastal areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the Universities where proposed courses would be taught; and

(c) whether agreements would be entered into with the foreign educational institutes in this regard, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Heavy industries in Andhra Pradesh**

\*163. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the heavy industries located in Andhra Pradesh under administrative control of his Ministry;

(b) the details of their performance for the last five years; and

(c) the details of the employment generated through such industries during the same period?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Expansion of FM radio stations**

\*164. PROF. ALKA BALRAM

KSHATRIYA:

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

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

(a) whether Government have decided to bring about a radio revolution by improving scope of 400 FM radio stations and 4000 community radio centres;

(b) if so, whether Government are of the view that there is a need to liberalise rules;

(c) if so, whether any concrete steps in this regard have been worked out by Government;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) by when these are likely to be considered; and

(f) to what extent rules have so far been liberalised for the purpose?

**Supreme Court Benches**

\*165. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Article 130 of the Constitution stands in the way of setting up of Benches of the Supreme Court in the south and other regions of the country; and

(b) if so, whether Government would consider bringing a suitable amendment to the Constitution to vest the power of creation of Supreme Court Benches with the Parliament?

**Closure of Government of India Presses**

\*166. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had issued a Gazette Notification to close down some of the Government of India Presses in 2003;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the current status of these presses;

(c) whether Government are considering a proposal for modernisation of the remaining Government of India Presses with upto date technology and machinery;

(d) if so, the details thereof and its present position; and

(e) by when a final decision in this regard would be taken?

**FDI in print and electronic media**

†\*167. DR. MURLI MANOHAR

JOSHI:

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Foreign Direct Investment in broadcasting industry of the country has been increased in the past years;

(b) if so, the amount of Foreign Direct Investment made in this industry upto December, 2004;

(c) the quantum of investment made in print as well as the electronic media, separately;

(d) whether Government are giving consideration to the proposal for increasing the percentage of Foreign Direct Investment in this sector; and

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(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Loan assistance from ADB for NER**

\*168. SHRIMATISYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that approximately Rs. 900 crore loan assistance has been sought from the Asian Development Bank for Phase 1 of the North Eastern Region Urban Development Project (NERUDP);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have also sought any loan assistance from ADB for second phase of the project which covers the cities of Guwahati, Itanagar, Imphal and Dibrugarh; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Obscene content in TV channels**

\*169. SHRIMATI N. P. DURGA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that to contain obscene content in the private TV Channels Government propose to set up a Television Censor Forum;

(b) if so, the aims and the objectives of the proposed Forum;

(c) whether any meeting has been held with the private TV channels and other concerned in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Vacant posts in Public Sector Enterprises**

\*170. SHRI R. P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that over 100

senior posts, including 26 positions of Chairman and Managing Directors, are lying vacant in various Public Sector Enterprises;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the period for which these are lying vacant;

(c) whether the guidelines laid down for selection and placement of the personnel well in time have been followed in each case; and

(d) the details of the difficulties, if any, experienced and fresh initiatives taken to modify/streamline the existing procedures and also the steps under way to fill up the existing vacancies in the PSEs?

**Computerisation of courts in Karnataka**

\*171. SHRI K. B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Karnataka High Court has been fully computerised;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to computerise all the District and Taluka level courts in the state;

(c) if so, the action proposed to be taken to computerise all the District and Taluka level courts in the State; and

(d) whether the State Government has sought any financial assistance in this regard?

**Yogesh Chandra Committee Report**

\*172. SHRIMATI SARLA MAHESHWARI:  
DR. AKHILESH DAS:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Yogesh Chandra Committee appointed to look into allotments of prime land in New Delhi has submitted its report;

- (b) if so, the findings thereof;
- (c) what action Government have taken on the findings so far;
- (d) whether the report reveals grave disparities in the rate of allotment of lands to different organisations at different discriminatory cost; and
- (e) the Government's reaction and response thereto?

**Conditions for grant of Deemed University status**

\*173. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the conditions to be fulfilled for an educational institution for grant of "Deemed University" status;
- (b) whether educational institutions can demand this status even within a year of commencement of their work;
- (c) the number of applications presently pending with the UGC for demanding Deemed University status;
- (d) the steps proposed to UGC to expedite their disposal; and
- (e) the reasons for not liberalising university education?

**Maintenance of monuments in A.P.**

\*174. SHRI SUDARSHAN AKARAPU: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of the monuments/sites/historical remains being maintained by ASI in Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) the details of work relating to conservation, preservation and restoration of ancient monuments carried out in the State during the last three years; and

- (c) the amount sanctioned and spent for executing various works in the State?

**Propagation of folk music**

\*175. SHRI B. J. PANDA:  
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to preserve and propagate various Indian folk music forms in the shape of Lok Tarang;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action plan to popularize this concept with a view to make it a marketable medium and sideline the movie songs?

**Revival of DTH Policy**

\*176. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:  
SHRIMATI JAMANA DEVI BARUPAL:

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

- (a) whether Direct-to-Home (DTH) Broadcasting policy is likely to be revived;
- (b) if so, whether a Committee headed by I & B Secretary was set up for a fresh look into DTH;
- (c) if so, whether the Committee was asked to focus on content related issues;
- (d) if so, whether the Committee has submitted its recommendations;
- (e) if so, how many of them have been accepted and implemented; and
- (f) to what extent TRAI wants to make mandatory for TV channels to give their consent to all DTH providers on a non-discriminatory basis?

### **Delay in delivery of justice**

\*177. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have proposed tools to fix problem of delay in justice delivery;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the estimated cost to implement the proposal;

(c) whether Government have also set up any monitoring authority to watch the progress of the reforms; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### **Implementation of DTH service**

\*178. SHRI DHARAM PAL  
SABHARWAL:  
SHRI C. RAMACHAND-  
RAIAH:

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

(a) whether Government propose to pursue or have planned for pursuance of the implementation of Direct-to-Home (DTH) Broadcasting service as per the guidelines;

(b) if so, how many companies have shown interest in issue of licence for DTH Broadcasting service so far;

(c) whether Government are moving at snail's pace for issue of licences to the applicants;

(d) how many applications are pending for more than one year even after paying of non-refundable fee of Rs. 10 crore along with the name of the companies; and

(e) the steps being taken for prompt issue of licences?

### **Speedy disposal of cases**

†\*179. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any system has been evolved for speedy disposal of the cases pertaining to the senior citizens, disabled persons, retired Government personnel and socially oppressed persons and provide them legal assistance in the High Courts and the Supreme Court;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the High Courts where this system has been implemented; and

(d) the details of the system being implemented in the Supreme Court?

### **Cases of drug abuse**

\*180. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of drug abuse that came to Government's notice during the last three years ending the 31st December, 2004; and

(b) the action taken thereon?

NEW DELHI;  
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YOGENDRA NARAIN,  
*Secretary-General.*

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