

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Wednesday, the July 14, 2004/Asadha 23, 1926 (Saka)*

**(Ministries : Coal and Mines; Defence; Home Affairs; Non-Conventional
Energy Sources; Power; Rural Development; Textiles; Youth Affairs and
Sports)**

Total number of questions — 20

National Identity Cards

†*121. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a state of uncertainty about the announcement made by the Government a few years back for issuing the National Identity Cards to all citizens in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether due to the non-issuance of such National Identity Cards, Government are not in a position to arrest the persons who are living in India illegally; and

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

Rapid Action Police Force

*122. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Rapid Action Police Force (RAPF) was formed basically to deal with urban violence and communal violence;

(b) if so, whether any analysis of RAPF

being successful in achieving its objectives has been made;

(c) what is the percentage of different religious Minorities in this force; and

(d) the steps being taken to improve its working?

Violence and crimes against women

*123. SHRIMATI VANGA
GEETHA:
SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA
SEKARREDDY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the legislative measures taken to curb domestic violence and crimes against women particularly in the light of demands of national women's organisations?

Arrest of Delhi Police officials

*124. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Delhi Police officials arrested during the last four months;

(b) the nature of offence for which they have been arrested;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(c) whether it is also a fact that one of the officers of the rank of ACP has also been arrested for land grabbing; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Revival of Kolar Gold Fields

*125. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to revive Kolar Gold Fields in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) how many employees have already taken VRS in the above unit;

(d) when the revival is expected to take place; and

(e) the estimated cost for such revival?

Barbed wire fencing along Indo-Bangladesh Border in Tripura

*126. SHRIMATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how far the erection of barbed wire fencing along Indo-Bangla border in Tripura has been completed;

(b) the number of dwelling houses on the other side of the fence belonging to residents of the State of Tripura;

(c) appropriate steps being taken to provide alternative houses to the affected families; and

(d) by when the work of fencing is likely to be over?

Plight of villagers in drought affected districts of Tamil Nadu and Karnataka

*127. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report informing that villagers, mainly farm labourers, in the drought affected districts of Tamil Nadu and Karnataka have been eating rats to satisfy their hunger;

(b) if so, the details of investigation carried out, if any, into the plight of the affected farm labourers;

(c) reasons for not enabling the affected villagers to access reliefs under the Central Government funded/sponsored anti-poverty programmes and food security scheme, particularly, SGRY and SGSY; and

(d) steps taken, if any, pursuant to the news report to ameliorate the condition of the affected families so far?

Concessions sought by weavers of Andhra Pradesh

*128. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a delegation of Andhra Pradesh weavers has sought certain concessions and measures to revive handlooms, handicrafts and powerlooms in the unorganised sector; and

(b) if so, the details of their demands and the action taken thereon?

Review of Electricity Act, 2003

*129. SHRIMATI JAMANA DEVI
BARUPAL:

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided that State Governments will have to bear the cost of providing subsidies to State Electricity Boards and to different sections of consumers from their respective budgets;

(b) whether in this regard Government are considering to have a review of Electricity Act, 2003; and

(c) if so, what other measures are being considered and by when they are likely to be announced?

Modernisation of Indian Army

*130. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR:
Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Army propose to step up its massive modernisation drive to enhance the 'Combat potential' of its soldiers;

(b) if so, whether any study to update the army with new equipment has been carried out; and

(c) by when the Indian Army is likely to be fully equipped with state-of-the-art technology?

Tax and cess in textiles industry

†*131. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that tax and cess is being charged at different levels in textile industry in the country;

(b) if so, the levels at which this tax or cess is charged along with the amount thereof;

(c) whether there has been any decrease or increase in the rates of said tax or cess during the last three years;

(d) if so, what changes have been made in the rates and when they were made; and

(e) the average annual amount charged as tax and cess from textile industry?

Free power to farmers

*132. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is against giving free power to farmers as a general policy;

(b) whether any State Government has come before the Ministry with a proposal that it wishes to give free power to its farmers;

(c) whether the Ministry is going to extend any help to such States; and

(d) if so, the details of the assistance that the Ministry is going to extend to such States?

Hike in coal price

*133. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Coal India has increased coal price by 16 per cent;

(b) if so, whether Government should not have instead reduce the high import duty on coal; and

(c) whether this will not lead to further financial emaciation of State Electricity Boards particularly as fuel surcharge cannot be passed on to farmers?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Demand for autonomy under Sixth Schedule of the Constitution

*134. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that many ethnic tribal groups are demanding for autonomy under Sixth Schedule of the Constitution;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Assam Government has already committed to recommend the matter to the Centre; and

(c) if so, the Centre's stand in this regard?

Employment to rural people of Uttar Pradesh under SJGY

*135. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any target has been fixed to provide employment to the rural people in Uttar Pradesh under the Swaran Jayanti Gramin Yojana during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the financial allocation made during this period; and

(c) the details of actual amount spent out of the allocated fund and the achievements made so far in this regard?

Impact of Chinese silk on Indian silk industry

*136. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY:
SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether silk items from China are flooding the Indian market, thereby jeopardizing the interests of indigenously produced silk; and

(b) if so, the details and how this onslaught is proposed to be countered to protect the Indian silk industry?

Amendment in Cantonment Board Act

†*137. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the existing structure of Cantonment Boards is being changed;

(b) if so, by when the proposed amendment in the Cantonment Board Act is likely to be brought into force;

(c) whether there is a proposal to form an Advisory Council for the management of Cantonment Boards till the new Act comes into force; and

(d) if so, by when a final decision is likely to be taken to appoint civilians in the said Council?

Project proposals under Swajaldhara Scheme

*138. SHRIMATI SARLA MAHESHWARI : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of project proposals submitted by West Bengal, Bihar and Orissa under Swajaldhara Scheme since its inception, State-wise; and

(b) the State-wise number of proposals cleared so far?

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Setting up of desalination plants

*139. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:
Will the Minister of RURAL
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set
up desalination plants in different parts of
the country to augment supply of drinking
water in rain starved States like Tamil Nadu
and others; and

(b) if so, who will fund for the setting
up of these plants?

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Atrocities on women

*140. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI:
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be
pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that atrocities on
women are on the rise in the country;

(b) if so, the State-wise details of cases
reported during the last three years; and

(c) the details of steps Government have
taken to stop such incidents?

YOGENDRA NARAIN,
Secretary-General.

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