

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Friday, the March 15, 2002/Phalgun 24, 1923 (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

Installed production capacity of fertilizer plants

*181. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:
Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND
FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of fertilizer/urea plants
set up during the Ninth Five Year Plan
period and those proposed to be set up
during the Tenth Five Year Plan, State-wise
and location-wise;

(b) the installed production capacity of
each of the aforesaid units; and

(c) by when their commercial
production is expected to be started?

Integrated data base for forests

*182. SHRI ABANI ROY:
SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT
AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has
been drawn to the news-item caption
"Governments environment data five years
old", published in the Times of India, dated
8th February, 2002;

(b) if so, whether the Committee on
Environment and Health recommended

creating an integrated data base tracking
trends and developing warning indicators;

(c) if so, whether Government have
contemplated any action on such
recommendations, so far; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not,
the reasons therefor?

Cost of laying rail line

*183. PROF. (SHRIMATI) BHARATI
RAY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be
pleased to state:

(a) what is the cost of laying one
kilometer of rail line in India, as compared
to other countries; and

(b) how many kilometers of overaged
rail lines need immediate replacement and
the cost involved therein?

Trafficking of children

*184. DR. KARAN SINGH:
SHRI AIMADUDDIN
AHMED KHAN (DURRU):

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

(a) whether it is a fact that trafficking in

children continues unabated and trafficked children have been retrieved from different States all over the country;

(b) whether a pattern in trafficking of children from different States and their retrieval, has emerged with some of the States like Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Orissa, Tamil Nadu cropping up more often than other;

(c) if so, the number of children retrieved from each State during 1999, 2000 and 2001, so far; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to prevent trafficking of children?

Welfare Schemes for fruit and vegetable growers in Punjab

†*185. SHRIMATI GURCHARAN KAUR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any scheme for the welfare of vegetable and fruit producers in Punjab;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the amount allocated for the purpose during 2001-2002; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

Education under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan

†*186. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

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

(a) whether Government have allocated funds to various States for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan;

(b) if so, the amount allocated for each State during 2001-2002; and

(c) what amount has been released to States by the end of December, 2000, out of this allocated amount?

Declining standard of teaching in KVs

*187. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether lowering of academic/ educational standards has been registered in the recent past, in respect of teaching in Kendriya Vidyalayas;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of steps taken/ contemplated to remedy the situation?

Catering in Rajdhani and Shatabdi Express trains

†*188. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that passengers are being cheated even in Rajdhani and Shatabdi Express trains, in respect of catering; and

(b) if so, the agency involved in such acts of cheating and the action taken by Government against the guilty?

Safety measures in Railways

*189. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Railways has accorded top priority to passengers' safety;

(b) if so, whether Rs. 2000 crore have been spent during the current fiscal year for the purpose;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(c) whether a panel had recommended that Rs. 15,000 crore should be spent on safety measures in a period of seven years, but Government have decided to spend Rs. 17,000 crore in five years; and

(d) if so, details of the amount that has been utilized so far, for passengers safety?

Losses of SAIL

*190. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL) has reported a net loss of Rs. 585 crore in the third quarter of this year, after a cash profit of Rs. 400 crore during 2000-2001;

(b) whether, after suffering huge losses, it was hoped that, with last year's profit of Rs. 400 crore, SAIL had recovered and was on the way up again; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction to the huge losses of SAIL building up again?

Dining cars in trains

*191. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways propose to introduce the old system of attaching dining cars to trains plying to Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the trains selected for attaching dining cars;

(c) whether any survey has been conducted to improve catering, by means of service through dining cars;

(d) if so, the details of findings of such surveys; and

(e) the steps proposed to improve dining and catering facilities on all long distance trains, plying to Andhra Pradesh?

Export of steel

†*192. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH
'LALAN':

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether steel from the country is exported to a number of countries in the world;

(b) if so, to which countries, such export was made during the last three years, the quantity exported and the value thereof, separately; and

(c) whether it is a fact that some of those countries have discouraged the Indian export, by imposing different kinds of restrictions during the said period; if so, which are those countries?

Name boards at railway stations

*193. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any guidelines for displaying name boards at railway stations;

(b) if so, the number of name boards to be displayed, based on the size of the station; and

(c) whether Government would consider the desirability of increasing them for the benefit of passengers, new to the place?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Doubling of Tirupathi-Katpadi and Renigunta-Gantakul rail lines

*194. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY
SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the target for completion of doubling of Tirupathi-Katpadi and Renigunta-Gantakul rail lines;

(b) whether the budget provision for its completion by 2002-2003 has been made;

(c) whether this work is getting delayed; and

(d) if so, by when the work is likely to be completed?

Fertility of land

†*195. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that fertility of land in the country is decreasing day by day;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering to take any steps to control this trend; and

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

Growth of seeds by agriculture universities and colleges

†*196. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of agriculture universities and colleges in the country growing seeds;

(b) whether seeds are also grown in the agriculture college situated in Dholi, under

Rajendra Agriculture University of Bihar; and

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

DPEP in Rajasthan

*197. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of districts in Rajasthan, brought under the District Primary Education Programme;

(b) the amount of funds allocated, received and utilized for the Programme during 2000-2001 and 2001-2002; and

(c) the details of performance of this programme?

Drugs out of price control

*198. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA':
PROF. M. SANKARA-
LINGAM:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a steep hike in the prices of life saving drugs has been noticed due to Government's position of removing 44 drugs from the diluted drug price list, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) if so, the names of drugs and range of increase noticed in the life saving drugs during the last three years;

(c) whether Government have assessed the impact caused by this hike in prices; and

(d) if so, what is the proposal of Government to control the price hike?

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Migration of agriculturists from rural to urban areas

*199. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to prevent massive migration of agriculturists from rural to urban areas; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, indicating the progress made under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Rozgar Yojana, during the last three years?

Cultivation area of foodgrains

*200. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of increase or decrease in area under cultivation of major foodgrains, between 1990 and 2000, crop-wise and State-wise;

(b) the details of the reasons for fall in area under cultivation under certain crops in certain States; and

(c) the efforts being made by Government to bring uncultivated land into productive use?

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R.C. TRIPATHI,
Secretary-General.

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