

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Monday, the May 15, 2006/Vaisakha 25, 1928 (Saka)*

(Ministries: Development of North Eastern Region; Food Processing Industries;
Human Resource Development; Law and Justice; Mines; Minority Affairs;
Non-Conventional Energy Sources; Ocean Development; Power;
Science and Technology; Social Justice and Empowerment;
Tribal Affairs; Women and Child Development)

Total number of questions — 20

Role of Anganwadis

*421. DR. GYAN PRAKASH
PILANIA: Will the Minister of WOMEN
AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be
pleased to state:

(a) the genesis, objective and role of
Anganwadis under the Integrated Child
Development Scheme;

(b) the number of the funded tribal and
non-tribal Anganwadis set up, so far in
Rajasthan;

(c) the number of the proposals still
pending for approval;

(d) by when Government are likely to
take a decision;

(e) whether Government propose to
regularize the services of Anganwadi
workers, in due course;

(f) if so, the details thereof;

(g) whether any evaluation of the
performance/success/utility of Anganwadi
Scheme has been done;

(h) if so, the details and outcome thereof;

(i) whether UNO has also granted funds
for promotion of Anganwadis; and

(j) if so, the details thereof?

Completion of Power Projects

*422. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:
DR. VIJAY MALLYA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased
to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that
several Power Projects in the country have
not been completed so far;

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

(c) whether there is a demand for new
funds for the completion of the incomplete
projects, if so, the State-wise details
thereof;

(d) whether Government would provide
extra/additional funds for the completion
of the projects and by when these are
expected to be completed; and

(e) the total power expected to be
produced, in megawatts?

Private investment in ultra mega power projects

*423. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are inviting private investment in four ultra mega power projects in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal and the private investors who have evinced interest in the project and terms of investment; and

(c) the locations where the proposed ultra mega power projects, would be established, with details of cost and time-frame for completion of the projects?

Vision document for development of SC/STs

*424. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE:
DR. NARAYAN SINGH MANAKLAO:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are likely to make strategic shift in the SC/STs programmes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Planning Commission is preparing 10 year Vision Document for SC/STs;

(d) whether it will also form the base for chalking out welfare programme for SC/STs in the eleventh Five Year Plan;

(e) whether Government will consider preparing such a document for the development of other vulnerable sections such as women, children, small and marginal farmers, disabled etc.;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

Demand for additional power by Bihar

†*425. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on the basis of peak power demand during current year, the State Government of Bihar has made a request to the Central Government for an additional 600 MW power through National Thermal Power Corporation;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the NTPC is reluctant to further supply power to Bihar due to non-payment of its dues; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the quantum of generation of power (in megawatts) by Bihar itself?

Pilferage of power

*426. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that out of the total electrical energy generated, around 55 per cent is billed and 20 per cent is lost by theft, according to a leading magazine;

(b) whether it is also a fact that political patronage is the main cause for this pilferage; and

(c) the effective measures envisaged to check this evil and in what manner and by when?

Research and development work

*427. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several

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American biotech companies have expressed their keenness to off-shore their research and development work to India; and

(b) if so, the details of the proposals received in this regard?

Re-delimitation of Parliamentary and Assembly Constituencies in Delhi

*428. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of re-delimitation of the Parliamentary and Assembly constituencies on the basis of 2001 census of the State of Delhi;

(b) whether the Delimitation of Parliamentary constituencies of Delhi has been able to remove the disproportionate size of the constituencies; and

(c) the details of extent of all such constituencies in the State of Delhi?

Removal of provision of Uniform Civil Code from the Constitution

†*429. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain organizations have made a demand to Government to remove the provision of Uniform Civil Code from the Constitution;

(b) if so, the names of such organizations;

(c) whether Government have taken any decision on the said demand; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Supply of electricity from Tehri Dam project

*430. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that MOU has been signed by the Delhi Government and Tehri Hydro Development Corporation and NTPC for buying 1000 MW power;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) how much power will be required in Delhi in the 2010 Commonwealth Games; and

(d) the steps Government are taking to provide electricity?

Allocation of power to Rajasthan from Central projects

†*431. DR. PRABHA THAKUR:
SHRISANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to formula made by power projects of Central Government, allocation of power to Rajasthan by Central Power houses has been decreasing continuously;

(b) whether it is also a fact that power projects like NTPC/NHPC of Central Government have been asked to reconsider the existing method of power allocation; and

(c) if so, the new targets fixed alongwith the details thereof?

Target for total electrification

*432. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to bring

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electricity to all throughout the country by 2007;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any action plan has been formulated for the purpose;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Scheme to make sea water drinkable

†*433. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
DR. PRABHA THAKUR:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are having any scheme to make sea water drinkable;

(b) if so, the details of these schemes and whether work on these schemes has started and the target set for their completion; and

(c) the cost per litre likely to be incurred in the process of conversion of sea water into potable water?

Low R and D expenditure in the country

*434. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:
SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at present total R and D expenditure is nearly 0.7 per cent of GDP, of which 15 per cent is undertaken by the corporate sector;

(b) if so, whether it is adequate as compared to even less developed country like Korea, where it is around 2.47 per cent and their corporate sector share is only 3-4 per cent; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take so that our R and D expenditure is at least 2 per cent of the GDP as R and D is critical for improving productivity?

Food processing industry in Himachal Pradesh

*435. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Himachal's economy and the livelihood of a vast majority of its people depends on its fruit production, yet Himachal Pradesh loses out because no or little investment has gone into creating a food processing industry; and

(b) whether any steps are being taken to augment and build special packages for Himachal Pradesh with regard to the food processing industry?

Juvenile homes

*436. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many juvenile homes and rescue shelters for women are running at present, State-wise; and

(b) the grant per head for the inhabitants at these centres?

Kishori Shakti Yojana

*437. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the Kishori Shakti Yojana;

(b) the eligibility conditions fixed for availing the benefits of the scheme;

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(c) the districts of States covered by the scheme, State-wise;

(d) the number of girls benefited during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(e) whether any complaints/suggestions have been received on the functioning of the scheme; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

Subsidy to consumers under National Bio-Gas Development Programme

*438. SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS BALAPTE: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to provide direct subsidy to consumers under the National Bio-Gas Development Programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the funds allocated by Government during 2004-05 and 2005-06 to each State under the said programme; and

(d) the number of persons benefited by the said programme during the period, State-wise?

Navodaya Vidyalayas

*439. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Navodaya Vidyalayas in the country, State-wise;

(b) the amount spent on these Vidyalayas annually on recurring basis;

(c) the amount spent on setting up of one Navodaya Vidyalaya; and

(d) whether Government would consider setting up Navodaya Vidyalaya in Tamil Nadu without Hindi as a subject?

Filling-up of backlog vacancies

*440. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of backlog vacancies as on the 31st March, 2004 in the Ministry and various Departments under the Ministry;

(b) whether special drive was carried out to fill up the above backlog vacancies;

(c) if so, number of vacancies filled up during the last two years, department-wise; and

(d) the number of backlog vacancies as on the 31st March, 2006?

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YOGENDRA NARAIN,
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