

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Wednesday, the December 15, 2004/Agrahayana 24, 1926 (Saka)*

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

Total number of questions — 20

Closure of loss making NTC mills

*201. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA:
SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be
pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided
to close down 22 loss making National
Textile Corporation (NTC) mills in
Maharashtra;

(b) if so, how money will be arranged
to pay the workers compensation, VRS and
other terminal benefits; and

(c) the scheme chalked out for other
NTC mills in India?

Textiles exports

*202. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the
Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that he had made
a statement that our exports will double in
the next two years quelling fears that
cheaper Chinese products will hit the
Indian industry;

(b) how far we will benefit from the free

global trade in the textile market; and

(c) what is our action plan to put thrust
on making the "Made in India" brand
popular in the world market?

Increased vigil by Coast Guard along Kerala coast

*203. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will
the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to
state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Coast
Guard has stepped up vigil along the coast
of Kerala following a tip off about an
unidentified vessel carrying arms from the
Gulf;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Coast
Guard had increased its surveillance along
the Kerala coast in the last few days; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Families in rural areas without toilets

*204. SHRI KARNENDU
BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of
RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to
state:

(a) the number of families in rural areas without toilets in their homes;

(b) whether there is any scheme for assisting them in constructing Septic-tanks and toilets; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Functioning of CISF at airports

*205. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) in the South zone dealing with airport security has set up an Information Feedback Scheme to help air passengers;

(b) if so, the details of this scheme;

(c) whether it is also a fact that CISF personnel do not operate all the X-ray and other screening equipment leading to delays at airports;

(d) what steps the CISF propose to initiate to make our airports and air travel efficient and time-conserving; and

(e) the details of steps proposed by CISF to improve their functioning at airports?

Construction of tunnel below Rohtang pass

†*206. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the latest status of the work for constructing a tunnel below Rohtang pass near Manali in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) the proposed expenditure on this for the current year along with the expenditure incurred so far and total expenditure estimated for constructing the tunnel; and

(c) whether its construction will be completed during the Tenth Five Year Plan?

Law and order situation in Manipur

*207. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have institutionalised any concrete measures to ensure that the kind of violent events disturbing peace, law and order situation in the State of Manipur recently, do not occur again; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Construction of cantonment in Bhadarwah

*208. DR. KARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a long pending demand for the construction of a cantonment in Bhadarwah, J&K; and

(b) if so, when this project is likely to be completed?

Progress report on implementation of rural development schemes

†*209. SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS BAL APTE:
SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Governments are required to submit a progress report of the implementation of all the Rural Development Programmes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that some of the States are receiving the next instalment of funds from the Centre without submitting the progress report;

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

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

(e) whether Government have conducted any inquiry in the matter; and

(f) if so, the action taken against the officers found responsible for this?

Organising the scattered units of handloom industry

†*210. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme has been formulated by Government to organise the scattered units of the handloom industry;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that for the development of the handloom industry it is necessary that these scattered units are got registered after organising them; and

(c) if so, the steps taken so far by Government in this direction?

Grants to Chhattisgarh under IWDP, DPAP, DDP and TDET programmes

†*211. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount provided in the last two years to the State of Chhattisgarh under the Integrated Wasteland Development Programme (IWDP), Drought Prone Area Programme (DPAP), Desert Development Programme (DDP) and Technology Development Expansion and Training (TDET) Programme implemented under the Department of Land Resources of the Ministry of Rural Development; and

(b) the manner in which this amount was utilised by the State Government?

ISI hands in terrorist activities in Assam

†*212. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRIV. NARAYANASAMY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that besides separatist organisations, ISI active in Bangladesh, was involved in the terrorist incidents which took place recently in North-Eastern States, particularly in Assam;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken up the matter with Bangladesh Government in this regard;

(c) if so, the results thereof; and

(d) the steps Government have taken to end terrorism?

Funds for rural development

*213. SHRI LEKHRAJ BACHANI:
Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have sanctioned a substantial amount for rural development;

(b) how much funds were released and utilized in the last three years; and

(c) how much amount is being released for the year 2004-05?

Take-over of KELTRON for Defence productions

*214. SHRI N.K. PREMA-CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether any proposal is pending with Government to take over KELTRON in Kerala as a defence production unit for its electronics and IT requirements;

(b) whether a task-force team has been constituted to look into the modalities of take-over;

(c) whether the task force has submitted its report and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether any units of defence are functioning in Kerala?

Use of coal, neptha and gas by plants of NTPC

†*215. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Thermal Power Corporation has been using Coal, Neptha, Gas as a fuel for the generation of electricity;

(b) if so, the number of plants using Neptha, Gas, Coal as fuel during the current year;

(c) the average electricity generated by the plants of each category along with their generation capacity; and

(d) the average cost of generation of electricity in the plants of each category during the current year, separately?

ISI operation from Bangladesh and Myanmar

*216. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ISI has opened second front against India from Bangladesh and Myanmar;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps Government are taking in this regard?

Dialogue with extremists in North-East

*217. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have started any dialogue with extremists in the North-East; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken for the improvement of the situation there?

Providing electricity to the cent-per cent population in the country

†*218. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAMJETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in 1991 only 30 per cent of total population of the country was using electricity and it has reached to only 43 per cent in 2001;

(b) if not, the details in this regard;

(c) whether Government have made an assessment of the total requirement of electricity for providing electricity to the cent-per cent population of the country; and

(d) if so, the details of this requirement and to what extent the electricity being generated at present is less than the assessed requirement?

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Compensation to 1984 riot victims

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

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that till date the victims of 1984 riots have not been given compensation and other facilities announced for them;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the details of the victims who have not been given their due compensation; and

(c) whether Government have a comprehensive policy to ensure relief for riot victims?

Improvement in generation and distribution of power by private parties

*220. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any improvement in generation and distribution of power is noticed in States where it has been entrusted in private hands specially in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the problem of power-cuts has been continuing unabatedly and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps devised to improve the position?

NEW DELHI;
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YOGENDRA NARAIN,
Secretary-General.

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