

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Wednesday, the March 16, 2005/Phalguna 25, 1926 (Saka)*

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

Total number of questions — 20

New vessels to Coast Guard

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to provide new vessels to Coast Guard;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Coast Guard have decided to provide training to the police force of Coastal States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Killing of HIV affected woman

*202. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ :
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in Dharsama village (Valsad), a woman with HIV disease was done to death;

(b) whether Government consider such a situation alarming; and

(c) if so, the measures to check such crimes in future?

Naxalites killed in different States

*203. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of naxalites killed in different States during the last three years, State-wise and year-wise; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to fight this naxalite problem?

Rejection of foreign assistance

*204. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI:
SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to ensure that the millions of dollars pouring into India goes to the legitimate destination, the Tsunami victims, and not to the unscrupulous who have managed to divert some or most of them for themselves;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have declined the offer for aids from US and other foreign Governments and overseas agencies; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons for such rejection?

Free medical treatment to handicapped army men

†*205. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether free treatment being provided in army hospitals to the army men who have been rendered handicapped in the war, has been discontinued as a result of which thousands of such army personnel are facing problems;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government would reconsider restoring free treatment facilities to such army personnel who have been rendered handicapped in war?

Solar hydrogen energy programme

*206. SHRI B.J. PANDA :
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD :

Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have launched a comprehensive solar hydrogen energy programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the progress so far made in this programme?

Free Trade Agreements with other nations

*207. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the nations with which India has

entered into a Free Trade Agreement;

(b) the balance of trade with each of those nations;

(c) whether Government are mulling any steps to ensure a favourable balance of trade with those nations with which there is a negative balance; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

India's export share in international trade market

*208. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total percentage of Indian export share at present in the international trade market;

(b) what are the major export products; and

(c) what is the ratio between export and import?

Conviction rate under Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Act, 1989

*209. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the conviction rate under the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 has been abysmally low due to an inherent bias against Dalits and weakening of cases by the prosecution;

(b) whether the gravity of offences under the Act is being diluted by the prosecution by introducing errors, removing the caste angle and omitting the precise abuse; and

(c) whether Government would consider holding the public prosecutors accountable for poor representation of criminal cases where Dalits are the victims?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Talks between India and Pakistan

*210. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the latest rounds of talks between India and Pakistan in relation to the armed forces withdrawal in both sides of the border of the State of Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) what measures Government have in mind in relation to cross border terrorism after such withdrawal; and

(c) whether Government would place details of the security forces-terrorist casualties in the State of Jammu and Kashmir since July, 2004?

Relief to Tsunami affected persons

*211. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons died, injured and displaced as a result of Tsunami devastations in the country, State-wise;

(b) the amount of donations received by Government and the P.M. Relief Fund to help the Tsunami Victims and how much relief has been released to the victims so far;

(c) the number of Tsunami hit villages that were adopted by Corporates and social welfare bodies and number of children who became orphan and were adopted by institutions and N.G.Os. etc.; and

(d) the amount of relief provided so far by the State and Central Government?

Diversion of funds allotted for Tsunami relief

*212. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI:
SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds released for relief works to the Tsunami affected States, State-wise and amount-wise;

(b) the details of agencies through which relief and rehabilitation works undertaken, State-wise;

(c) whether Government noticed the diversion of Tsunami relief fund by any State Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Need for reforms and modernisation in textile sector

*213. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is a need to reform and modernise the textile sector failing which China, Pakistan and Thailand may capture the world market in the quota-free regime; and

(b) if so, what is the action plan of Government to modernise the textile sector to secure a better footing in world market?

Power plants facing coal shortage

*214. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the position with regard to coal supplies at power stations;

(b) at present how many critical stations and super critical stations where coal stock is less than seven days and four days respectively are there; and

(c) the plan Government have to meet the demand-supply gap of coal in power stations?

New rural electricity infrastructure and household electrification scheme

*215. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have approved a new rural electricity infrastructure and household electrification scheme providing free single point connection to households below poverty line; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Pending proposals for economic development of Tamil Nadu

*216. SHRI N.R. GOVINDRAJAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the proposals pending before Government for industrialisation, trade promotion and setting up of industries for the over all economic development of Tamil Nadu; and

(b) by when these proposals are likely to be approved?

Restrictions on the movement of foreigners in NE States

*217. SHRI MANOJ BHATTA-CHARYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some North-Eastern States want the Central Government to ease restrictions on the movement of foreigners in their areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the names of the States which have made this request and the reasons given in support thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

Export of ALH (Dhruv)

*218. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India, which has so far been importing Advanced Light Helicopters (ALHs), is now in a position to export such helicopters, and Indian ALHs (Dhruv) are sought to be imported by no less a nation than Israel; and

(b) if so, the number of Dhruv Helicopters proposed to be imported by Israel and the estimated cost thereof?

Reforms in textile sector

*219. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to study conducted by Association of Chambers of Commerce and Industry cautioned that country needs to introduce massive reforms and modernisation drive for its textile sector failing which China and Pakistan will deprive India of its existing market share of textile exports in the overseas market;

(b) if so, whether study report also point out that US, European Union, Canada, Russia, Japan etc. are top importers of Indian textiles goods and other markets are also to be explored;

(c) if so, whether Government have examined the report; and

(d) what action has been taken to introduce reforms and modernisation?

assessment of the share of the production done by public and private sector industries in the gross domestic production of the country;

Share of public and private sector in GDP

†*220. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER
SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made an

(b) if so, the estimated share of the production made by public and private sector industries in gross domestic production in the year 2003-04; and

(c) the total amount of capital investment separately in both the aforesaid sectors of the industries?

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YOGENDRA NARAIN,
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