

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Friday, the July 16, 2004/Asadha 25, 1926 (Saka)*

**(Ministries: Agriculture; Chemicals and Fertilizers; Consumer Affairs,  
Food and Public Distribution; Environment and Forests; Food Processing  
Industries; Health and Family Welfare; Railways; Steel)**

**Total number of questions—20**

#### **Production of sugar**

†\*161. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of sugar in the country during 2003-04 and to what extent this is less in comparison to last year's production;

(b) whether Government propose to import sugar keeping in view the less production of sugar; if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to increase the production for striking a balance between consumption of sugar and the prices?

#### **Expansion of game sanctuaries**

\*162. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to extend the land area under game sanctuaries by buying up adjacent land;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is a

need to extend the area reserved for game sanctuaries;

(c) whether any plan is under consideration of Government to help State Governments acquire nearby land to sanctuaries;

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

(e) the States which have been selected for this purpose?

#### **Broad gauge line in Lumding-Silchar sector**

\*163. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the progress of the work on broad gauge line between Lumding-Silchar sector of North-Frontier Railways;

(b) by when this project is expected to be completed;

(c) whether Government will take initiative to provide the additional funds from DONER and other sources to complete the work;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

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#### **Status of Sher-e-Kashmir University**

\*164. SHRI T. S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of proposed Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agriculture, Science and Technology in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) the total amount sanctioned for the purpose and the amount utilized so far;

(c) the land acquired for the purpose so far, and the compensation paid to the land-owners; and

(d) by when, the whole project is likely to be completed?

#### **New rail line in Manipur**

\*165. SHRI RISHANG KEISHING: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the State capitals in the country which are not yet connected by rail;

(b) whether survey of Jiribam-Tupul, new rail line in Manipur has been completed; and

(c) if so, the estimated cost of the project, the likely time to start and to complete the rail project?

#### **Environment clearance for urban projects**

\*166. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued a notification making it mandatory for urban projects to get environment clearance;

(b) whether the new projects relating to construction of new townships and settlement colonies, commercial complexes etc. have also come under the purview of Environment Impact Assessment;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government are aware that several new townships are being developed around Butkal Lake and Surajkund Lakes, Haryana;

(e) if so, whether the promoters have taken environment clearance; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Telephonic railway enquiry service**

†\*167. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of people call upon railway enquiry telephonically to get trains related information and they generally complain about no response;

(b) if so, whether Government have formulated any new plan to improve the railway enquiry service on telephone; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Cost of AIDS and Cancer drugs**

\*168. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the fact that the life saving medicines for treatment of HIV/AIDS and Cancer are not under price control;

(b) if so, whether Government have conducted any survey to ascertain the cost

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of these medicines in the open market and the margin being offered by the companies to the distributors and the retailers; and

(c) whether Government propose to bring strict monitoring on these drugs?

#### **AIDS Treatment Programme**

\*169. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that AIDS Treatment Programme has started from 1st April, 2004, in the country; and

(b) if so, the details of States and the number of patients in each State covered under this programme?

#### **Funds for upgradation of hospitals in Assam**

\*170. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from Assam Government for allocation of more funds for the upgradation of various hospitals in the State; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

#### **Committee on Climate Change**

\*171. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would constitute a Committee of experts on the question of climate change and determine firmly India's position on this crucial question; and

(b) if so, by when Government would constitute such a Committee?

#### **National Crop Insurance Scheme**

\*172. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Crop Insurance Scheme is being implemented in the whole country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of total number of Indian farmers who have got the benefits of National Crop Insurance Scheme during the last three years, year-wise/State-wise?

#### **Advertisement of tobacco products**

\*173. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Cigarettes and other Tobacco Products Act prohibits advertisement of tobacco products, including sponsorship of sporting events by tobacco brands;

(b) if so, whether this prohibition is also applicable to foreign tobacco brands; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken in the case of sponsorship of car racing events used for promotion of multi-national cigarette brands published in the local print media?

#### **Transfer of research benefits to farmers**

†\*174. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have established any permanent system for providing benefits of new research works

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carried-out by the Agricultural Research Institutions of the country to the farmers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the States in which such system has been established along with the locations thereof; and

(d) the average annual percentage of farmers of the States being benefited from the system?

#### **Conversion of forest villages into revenue villages in Assam**

\*175. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of forest villages converted into revenue villages in Assam;

(b) what is Government's policy to convert all forest villages, which have fulfilled the necessary criteria, into revenue villages; and

(c) the steps, if any, to include some villages under forest village category which were settled before 1981 itself?

#### **Mobile diagnostic labs**

\*176. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of mobile diagnostic labs which are functioning in different States of the country;

(b) whether the lack of modern diagnostic technologies at the rural level leads to the death of millions of people, especially women; and

(c) whether Government plan to have a big project with the help of NGOs to create a network of these mobile labs fitted with Ultrasound, Catscan and other facilities?

#### **Improvement in health services**

†\*177. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any national norms in respect of the availability of health services have been prescribed for various States;

(b) whether it is a fact that the availability of health services in a number of States is very deplorable as compared to other States; and

(c) if so, the details of steps being taken to improve the state of health services in such States, particularly in far-flung backward hilly areas?

#### **Processing of fruits and vegetables**

\*178. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that only two per cent of the vegetables in the country are being processed at present as against 15-40 per cent in other countries;

(b) whether there is any proposal to reduce excise duty on processed foods to boost the demand for the products in the country;

(c) whether Government are contemplating to provide a supporting network of infrastructure of roads, electricity, transport and cold storage, etc. to the processed food sector; and

(d) if so, the steps being contemplated to organize the food processing industry on a modern and scientific basis to ensure quality and cost efficiency in the industry?

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### **Anti-smoking Treaty**

\*179. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Health Assembly had adopted a draft Anti-smoking Treaty with the support of 170 nations;

(b) if so, whether India has subscribed and signed the treaty;

(c) whether US, Germany and China have objected to the treaty; and

(d) if so, the details of their objections?

### **Inflated price of imported potash**

†\*180. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of

CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the middlemen usurp a major part of the subsidy being provided by Government for importing potash by showing the inflated price *i.e.* more than the international price;

(b) whether increase in the rate by even one dollar results in loss of crores of rupees to Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the reaction of Government and the action being taken in this regard?

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YOGENDRA NARAIN,  
Secretary-General.

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