

## **RAJYA SABHA**

### **List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS**

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Monday, the August 16, 2004/Sravana 25, 1926 (Saka)*

**(Ministries: Commerce and Industry; Culture; Development of North-Eastern Region; Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises; Human Resource Development; Information and Broadcasting; Law and Justice; Parliamentary Affairs; Social Justice and Empowerment; Tribal Affairs; Urban Development; Urban Employment and Poverty Alleviation)**

**Total number of questions—20**

#### **Procurement of foodgrains for exports**

\*281. PROF. ALKA BALRAM  
KSHATRIYA:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI  
REDDY:

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

(a) whether the grandiose proposal of Government to allow direct procurement of foodgrains from the market for exports has not found favour;

(b) whether this proposal was to go into operation from April 1, 2004;

(c) if so, to what extent this proposal has been considered afresh; and

(d) by when, a final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

#### **Vacancies of teachers in KVS**

†\*282. CAPTAIN JAI NARAIN  
PRASAD NISHAD:  
SHRI GHANSHYAM  
CHANDRA KHARWAR:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that several posts of teachers are lying vacant in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan;

(b) if so, the details thereof as on the 30th June, 2004; and

(c) by when the above vacancies are likely to be filled up?

#### **Destitute youths and children**

\*283. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA:  
Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are more than four lakh destitute youths and children who are roaming on Delhi roads alone;

(b) whether 60 per cent of them are in the clutches of 'Evil' elements; and

(c) if so, the measures proposed to be taken for rescue, shelter and rehabilitation of such destitutes?

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### **Employees' dues with Public Sector Enterprises**

\*284. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the employees' dues with the Public Sector Enterprises on account of salary, wages and other statutory dues as on the 31st March, 2004, enterprise-wise alongwith the number of workers employed in each unit; and

(b) the steps taken by Government for payment of the dues?

### **Ban on election advertisements and opinion polls**

†\*285. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Election Commission has made some suggestions with regard to imposing ban on election advertisements and opinion polls;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) Government's reaction thereto; and

(d) by when Government are likely to take a decision in this regard?

### **Subsidy for flower exports**

\*286. DR. ALLADIP. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to bring down or subsidise air freight on export of flowers to boost exports;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) other steps proposed to boost export of flowers?

### **Authentication of certificates**

\*287. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the job seekers to Gulf countries from Kerala are experiencing much difficulty due to the inordinate delay in attesting certificates;

(b) whether Government propose to introduce any remedial measures either by entrusting the task exclusively to an official team or by authorizing the State Government so as to help the job seekers; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

### **High Court Bench at Madurai**

\*288. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the High Court Bench at Madurai is a Full Bench or not;

(b) whether the jurisdiction issue has been sorted out or not;

(c) the overriding factors behind the boycott of the Madras High Court Lawyers; and

(d) the remedial steps taken by Government?

### **UNCTAD meeting at Sao Paulo**

\*289. DR. VIJAY MALLA:

SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that he had led a delegation of Members of Parliament to

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the Eleventh Session of United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at Sao Paulo in Brazil recently;

(b) if so, the stand taken by Government on farm subsidies by the United States;

(c) whether the delegation had impressed upon the need for preferential treatment for developing countries; and

(d) if so, the details of the outcome of the conference and how far the same has been beneficial to the country?

#### **Cultural heritage of the country**

†\*290. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH:  
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the cultural heritage of the country is 5000 years old;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government have decided to protect this heritage;

(c) if so, the action plan formulated by Government in this regard; and

(d) by when it would be implemented?

#### **Installation of transmitters in Himachal Pradesh**

†\*291. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had given approval for installation of twenty V.L.P.T., L.P.T. and H.P.T. in Himachal Pradesh during the Ninth Five Year Plan, out of which work on only ten transmitters has been taken up so far;

(b) whether the Information and Liaison Director of Himachal Pradesh had made a request to the Director General Doordarshan, Mandi House *vide* his letter dated 24-04-02 for installing the remaining ten transmitters and converting V.L.P.T. into L.P.T; and

(c) if so, by when a final decision would be taken in this regard?

#### **Loss-making PSUs**

\*292. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the Public Sector Undertakings under the administrative control of his Ministry which have been incurring heavy losses during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to streamline such Units?

#### **Welfare of Tribals**

\*293. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have drawn any specific plan for the welfare of the tribals in Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Bastar in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) how much money has been spent on the welfare activities of tribals living in the above areas during the last two years; and

(d) whether Government propose to give monetary help to these tribals in addition to the other facilities and if not, the reasons therefor?

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**Allotment of land to Societies**

\*294. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:  
SHRI JANESHWAR  
MISHRA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to Government's notice that some registered societies are trying to corner Government land by applying under different names with the same Board of Directors;

(b) if so, the Societies identified by DDA along with the names of the Board of Directors while ascertaining credential for allotment of the land; and

(c) the action taken by Government in this regard?

**Allotment of land to NGOs in Delhi**

\*295. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have given plots of land to various NGOs in Delhi in 2002-03 and 2003-04 for their offices and operational areas;

(b) the rules for allotting land to NGOs in Delhi;

(c) the NGOs who have been allotted land in Delhi during the last two financial years;

(d) whether any enquiry has been conducted into their activities and requirements; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Rise in trade gap**

†\*296. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:  
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER  
SINGH:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that due to continuous increase in import of some items, the gap between income and expenditure in the foreign trade is continuously growing;

(b) if so, names of those five items of the country import of which have risen during the last five years; and

(c) the average annual increase in quantity of import of each item during that period?

**Working of NGOs**

\*297. SHRI SANJAY RAJARAM RAUT: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of NGOs working on scheme to promote voluntary action for persons with disabilities in the country particularly in Maharashtra;

(b) the financial assistance extended to the organisations involved therein for the last three years; and

(c) the extent of progress made upto 31.03.2004?

**Affairs of Social Work and Research Centre**

\*298. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the voluntary organisation namely, "Social Work and

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Research Centre" has been organising social service activities at Tilonia village in Rajasthan;

(b) the details of the activities the said voluntary organisation has been engaged in along with the identities of its founders and key organisers at present;

(c) whether it has been receiving substantial funds from Government, particularly from the State Government and the international donors; and

(d) the details of the funds channelled to this organisation by the Central Government, the State Government and the international donors alongwith names of the international donors, since its inception, year-wise?

#### **Drinking water scheme for Chennai**

\*299. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have approved/sanctioned a drinking water scheme from the desalination process for Chennai city recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the viability of this project;

(d) whether Government would clear such projects for all the sea-based cities and towns; and

(e) the details of the criteria to be fulfilled for such schemes?

#### **Meals for students of Government Schools in Maharashtra**

\*300. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Maharashtra Government has requested for grant of financial assistance of Rs. 90 crores for providing cooked meal to the students of the State Government Schools;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

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*The 10th August, 2004*  
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YOGENDRA NARAIN,  
*Secretary-General.*

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