

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Thursday, the December 16, 2004/Agrahayana 25, 1926 (Saka)*

(Ministries: Prime Minister; Agro and Rural Industries; Atomic Energy; Coal; Communications and Information Technology; External Affairs; Labour and Employment; Mines; Ocean Development; Overseas Indian Affairs; Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Planning; Science and Technology; Shipping, Road Transport and Highways; Small Scale Industries; Space; Statistics and Programme Implementation)

Total number of questions — 20

Drug research in India

*221. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) what steps his Ministry is taking or propose to take to focus on drug research in India;

(b) the money spent on drug research during the last five years, year-wise;

(c) the money spent on drug research, percentage-wise, out of profit earned by companies during the last five years, year-wise; and

(d) the measures Government are taking to make India a leader in drug development?

Cellular phone service in the North Eastern Region

†*222. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of

COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of districts in the North Eastern Region which are not having cellular phone services;

(b) whether Government propose to provide cellular phone services in such districts; and

(c) if so, Government's policy in this regard?

Central Inland Water Transport Corporation

*223. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a proposal for revival of the Central Inland Water Transport Corporation; and

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the response of Government thereto?

Subsidence in Eastern Coal Fields Limited

*224. SHRI CHITTABRATA MAJUMDAR:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been serious subsidence in Sanctoria area of Eastern Coal Fields Ltd.;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the immediate measures taken, so far to rehabilitate and compensate the affected people; and

(d) the short term/long term measures taken to prevent such subsidence?

Upgradation of highways in Bihar

†*225. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total length of National Highways under National Highways Development Project and Pradhan Mantri Bharat Jodo Pariyojana respectively in Bihar which are to be upgraded to four lane, project-wise;

(b) the extent and the point from which Patna is proposed to be connected and joined through four lane National Highways under Pradhan Mantri Bharat Jodo Pariyojana; and

(c) the details of the progress of the scheme?

Overbridge on NH-5

*226. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Road Safety Forum had demanded a pedestrian overbridge at Gundugolanu village on National Highway No. 5;

(b) whether it is a fact that NHAI is reluctant to receive and entertain suggestions from road safety experts and activists; and

(c) the steps proposed to correct this situation immediately?

Budgetary allocation to States

*227. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has decided to make additional budgetary allocations for current fiscal year to the States;

(b) if so, whether the Commission is shuffling funds from one head to another to help hard pressed States;

(c) if so, whether Centrally sponsored schemes would be provided money from State share of Rs. 10 crores additional funds and State share may be squeezed;

(d) if so, the details of funds utilisation by Planning Commission; and

(e) to what extent this has helped deserving States to meet their financial position?

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Denial by Pakistan for an extradition treaty

*228. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Pakistan has declined an Indian proposal for an extradition treaty between the two countries;

(b) if so, the specific reasons stated by the Government of Pakistan in regard thereto; and

(c) Government's reaction in this regard?

Safety of labour

*229. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are executing any programme to create awareness of the safety of labour at their work place;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the segments identified and funds allocated for the purpose to Tamil Nadu?

Creation of job opportunities

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

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that development without creating additional job opportunities would not prove beneficial for the country;

(b) if so, Government's reaction in this regard;

(c) whether Government would consider to bring about changes in the

present industrial policy so as to accord priority and importance to the creation of jobs in the future plans of the country; and

(d) if so, the comprehensive details in this regard?

Under invoicing of Access Deficit Charge

*231. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have identified a grey market in terms of under invoicing of Access Deficit Charge (ADC) payments;

(b) if so, the total billion minutes of international calls received by different access providers, company-wise since the TRAI mandated ADC regime has been put in place and the corresponding money received by BSNL on account of this; and

(c) the penalties provided for by the law against defaulters and action initiated in the matter?

Loan applications under PMRY in Uttaranchal

*232. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of educated persons in Uttaranchal who have applied for loans to establish their ventures under Pradhan Mantri Rojgar Yojana during the last two years and the number of persons out of them who have been sanctioned loans;

(b) whether some loan applications received during these two years under the said scheme have been rejected; and

(c) if so, the number of rejected applications and the main reasons therefor?

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Productivity of Indian Labour

†*233. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR
PRASAD:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that only 28 per
cent of total labour force of the country is
engaged in production work;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the
productivity of country's labourer is low
in comparison to the labourer in developed
countries; and

(c) if so, the details with regard to
productivity of the labourers in our country
and those of America, England, Japan and
China?

Suggestions on NRIs marriage registration

†*234. SHRIMOTILAL VORA: Will
the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN
AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the suggestions given
by the Women Commission to Government
in respect of marriage registration of NRIs
and on other matters along with the date
when these suggestions were given;

(b) Government's reaction thereto; and

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

Facilities to Gramin Dak Sevaks

*235. SHRI C. RAMACHAN-
DRAIAH: Will the Minister of
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFOR-
MATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to
state:

(a) whether three lakh Gramin Dak
Sevaks maintaining communications
services to rural India are being denied all
facilities and benefits despite Supreme

Court's ruling to treat them as holders of
civilian posts;

(b) the details of their pending demands;
and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

Recovery of outstanding dues of MTNL and BSNL

*236. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the
Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be
pleased to state:

(a) the arrears by way of telephone dues
payable by the Central Government and
the State Governments to MTNL and
BSNL as at September end this year;

(b) the steps taken to recover and clear
the dues so far and the success achieved in
such recoveries, indicating the latest balance
of the arrears; and

(c) whether any State Governments
have asked the telephone authorities not to
disconnect the telephones for defaults in
payment; if so, the details in this regard?

Medium of examination for DSPs/ Asstt. Commandants

*237. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will
the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the selection
of DSPs/Assistant Commandant etc. for
the para-military forces is being done by
the Union Public Service Commission
during the last few years;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that
the written tests are held only in Hindi and
English; and

(c) whether Government would allow
all the languages listed in the Eighth Schedule
to the Constitution as a medium for these

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examinations as in the case of the Civil Services Examination?

Employment opportunities for engineers

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

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of engineers have increased in the country during last decade;

(b) if so, the number thereof in 2003 as compared to 1993;

(c) whether it is also a fact that employment opportunities for engineers have been depleting in the country at present; and

(d) if so, the number of unemployed engineers out of total number of engineers at present?

Recovery from RIM for misuse of ILD calls

*239. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Department of Telecommunications has set up vigilance telecom cell in all metro cities to curb the menace of illegal international long distance calls; and

(b) whether it is a fact that Telecom Department proceeded against Reliance Indian Mobile for the recoveries of the amount for misuse of ILD as local calls?

Separate telecom sector for Bhadohi

*240. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bhadohi, forming an independent revenue district is still under the jurisdiction of Telecom District Varanasi;

(b) whether representations are pending with the Centre, pleading for a separate telecom district status for Bhadohi, in view of it's being main center for carpet manufacturing and export in India;

(c) whether Bhadohi generates large telecom revenue through large number of ISD call traffic and is expected to be declared as Special Economic Zone; and

(d) if so, whether in view of the present status as international export center, Government would consider forming a separate telecom district for Bhadohi?

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YOGENDRA NARAIN,
Secretary-General.

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