

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Friday, the May 17, 2002/Vaisakha 27, 1924 (Saka)*

**(Ministries : Agriculture; Chemicals and Fertilizers; Environment and Forests;
Food Processing Industries; Human Resource Development;
Ocean Development; Railways; Science and Technology; Steel;
Youth Affairs and Sports)**

Total number of questions—20

Assistance for National games

*741. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) what monetary support and other facilities are given to a State for organising national and international games;

(b) the assistance given and proposed to be given to Andhra Pradesh for preparation of the 32nd National Games 2002;

(c) whether there is any proposal to ensure continued utilisation of sports equipment being procured; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Central University in Bodoland area

*742. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to set up a Central University in Assam, particularly in the Bodoland area;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Grants to NGOs

*743. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the items for which grants are given by the Ministry to NGOs;

(b) whether a number of NGO proposals, received from Srikakulam District in Andhra Pradesh, during the last two years are pending;

(c) if so, the reasons for their pendency;

(d) the reasons for rejection/delay in clearing of the proposals; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken to expedite clearance of their proposals?

Status of schemes under OBB and Education for All

*744. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details and the status of 'Operation Black Board' and 'Education for All' schemes under the Ministry;

(b) the aims and objectives of these schemes under implementation by the Ministry; and

(c) whether Government have achieved the desired goals?

Deaths due to pesticide exposure

*745. SHRI B. J. PANDA:

SHRI NANA DESHMUKH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report which appeared in The Times of India of 29th April, 2002, that 500 farmers died of pesticide exposure in AP and 1000 were exposed to related health hazards;

(b) if so, the details of the case;

(c) whether this case has been given to a fact finding team, if so, the details of terms of reference;

(d) whether there were similar incidents earlier in AP or other States, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether cases of deformed babies and gynaecological problems in women have also been reported in Warangal district?

Roll on and Roll off systems in the Railways

*746. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the objectives and the achievements of Roll on and Roll off (Ro-Ro) system introduced in Konkan Railway and its advantages over normal goods traffic;

(b) whether the Railways propose to consider experimental introduction of this

system in NF Railway, by declaration of tea as a preferential traffic, like coal, to avail huge tea traffic of the region;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Lok Jumbish Project for elementary education

*747. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the new phase of Lok Jumbish Project has become operational;

(b) if so, what are the targets fixed and achievements made under the Project, as on 31st March, 2002;

(c) whether there is any proposal to revamp the project for achieving desirable goal of universal elementary education;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the total amount sanctioned and spent under the scheme?

Air pollution in Bangalore

*748. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study has been conducted to find out average pollution levels in major cities of the countries, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government are aware that air pollution is alarming in Bangalore; and

(c) if so, what are the guidelines and measures taken by Government to control air pollution, caused due to increasing number of vehicles?

New variety of wheat by IARI

*749. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether, in order to meet the goal of increased agriculture productivity by 2020, Indian Agriculture Research Institute has come with a new variety of wheat;

(b) if so, whether, because of this variety of wheat, it is possible to achieve 15-20 per cent higher yield than other types available in the country;

(c) whether any proposal in this regard has been worked out;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) in which States, this new variety of wheat is being supplied?

Schemes for fishermen in A.P.

*750. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are implementing any schemes for the benefit of poor fishermen in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of fishermen benefited under each scheme in the State during the last three years, year-wise?

Diversion of rail development funds

*751. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the news-item appearing in Malayalam Daily Mathrubhoomi dated

9th April, 2002, that the Southern Railway Zonal officials are diverting the funds allocated for the Rail Development, to some other States;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that rupees 90 crore allotted for doubling of Mangalore-Sharmkir, Auganmali-Sabalmala rail lines have been diverted for some other purpose; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and Government's reaction in this regard?

Human resource development in Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh

†*752. SHRI KAILASH JOSHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes for human resource development being implemented in Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh;

(b) the details of NGOs implementing these schemes;

(c) the details of amount allocated and spent, scheme-wise and organisation-wise; and

(d) whether Government are aware of diversion of funds allocated; if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken to prevent the same?

New Time Table by South-Central Railway

*753. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) by when the South Central Railway propose to bring out a new Time Table;

(b) whether there is any proposal to increase the number of pages allotted for

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

'All India Trains—Abstract Tables' to benefit the passengers; and

(c) if not, whether Government would consider the desirability of increasing the pages, to make it more comprehensive and more informative?

Gauge conversion between Bharuch and Dahej

*754. DR. A. K. PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to convert the existing gauge between Bharuch and Dahej;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time frame envisaged for completion of the same?

Procurement of wheat and rice

*755. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the production of wheat and rice during the period 2001, State-wise; and

(b) the procurement at MSP done by FCI from each of the States, separately?

Counting of past service of Registrar, Central Institute, Agra

†*756. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the past service rendered by the present Registrar of Central Hindi Institute, Agra, in an insurance company has been counted, in contravention of the rules if so, by whom, the reasons therefor and under which rules it has been done; and

(b) the action being taken by Government in the matter?

Shifting of WR Divisional office

†*757. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to shift again the Western Railway Divisional Office from Jaipur to Ajmer;

(b) whether the land, buildings and related resources in Ajmer Zonal Office are available in abundance, in comparison to Jaipur; and

(c) whether there is any plan for reopening of Zonal Office in Ajmer; if so, the details thereof?

IGNOU courses for Assam Rifles

*758. SHRI LAJPAT RAI:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

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

(a) whether IGNOU has signed an MoU with Assam Rifles, Shillong, aiming at development of human resource capital of the Force, as reported in the Times of India of 29th April, 2002;

(b) if so, the areas of development, duration of the course, place where the courses would be conducted and the number of officers and other ranks who would be imparted training, with cost involved; and

(c) whether similar proposals of other States are pending with IGNOU, if so, the details thereof?

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Meals to children in Karnataka

*759. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Karnataka Government has submitted a project proposal for Government's approval and release of funds therefor, for providing cooked hot meals to the children belonging to the Scheduled Castes, under the centrally sponsored scheme for providing nutritional support to primary school children; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and Government's reaction thereto?

Vacant posts of Vice-Chancellor

*760. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as many as eleven Central Universities have been working without Vice-Chancellor for over a year now;

(b) if so, the details thereof and since when the post of Vice-Chancellor has been lying vacant in each University; and

(c) what are the reasons for delay in the above mentioned appointments and by when these are likely to be filled-up?

NEW DELHI;
The 11th May, 2002

Vaisakha 21, 1924 (Saka)

R.C. TRIPATHI,
Secretary-General.

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(Ministry-wise)

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