

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Wednesday, the May 17, 2006/Vaisakha 27, 1928 (Saka)*

(Ministries: Commerce and Industry; Defence; Home Affairs; Labour and  
Employment; Rural Development; Textiles)

Total number of questions — 20

#### Adverse impact of import of agricultural products

\*461. SHRI THANGA TAMIL  
SELVAN: Will the Minister of  
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be  
pleased to state:

(a) the details of the agricultural  
products imported during the last three  
years;

(b) whether Government have  
conducted any survey to assess the adverse  
impact of such imports on the domestic  
growers/producers;

(c) whether it is a fact that this import  
is driving farmers to commit suicide in  
various parts of the country; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government  
to protect Indian farmers?

#### Export of Indian Coffee

\*462. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY:  
Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND  
INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Coffee Board has  
engaged any consultants in order to regain  
its lost market;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to  
boost export of Indian Coffee?

#### Implementation of NREG Act

\*463. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will  
the Minister of RURAL  
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether implementation of the  
National Rural Employment Guarantee Act  
(NREGA) has started;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including  
the mechanism and frequency of periodical  
monitoring of its implementation in the  
targeted States by Government;

(c) the details of the persons seeking  
jobs under NREGA and those duly given  
jobs in the course of the first two months  
of implementation of the Act, State-wise;  
and

(d) the nature of problems, if any,  
witnessed commonly/severally by the  
States in implementation of the NREGA  
during the initial period?

**DRDO global tie-ups in aerospace**

\*464. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) proposes to have global tie-ups in aerospace;

(b) if so, the details and present status thereof; and

(c) what is Government's action plan to evolve a road map for preparing the country to meet the demands of network-centric warfare of the future?

**Withdrawal of army from valley**

†\*465. SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS BALAPTE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are in favour of complete withdrawal of army from the valley;

(b) if not, whether the statement made by the Deputy Chief of Army in 'Sadbhavana Abhiyan' differ with Government's view; and

(c) whether large scale arrests of terrorists and the above statement would not create fear among the local citizens?

**Foreign investment in single branded retailing**

\*466. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether in order to permit FDI in retail trade Government have decided to allow foreign investment in single branded retailing outlets and to liberalise the foreign investment rules across sectors;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of branded foreign retailing outlets set up so far, sector-wise?

**NGOs cooperation in manufacturing of military equipments**

†\*467. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to take cooperation of the Non-Governmental Organizations in the manufacturing of military equipments and ammunition for the army;

(b) if so, the names of the industrial houses/organizations being selected for this purpose; and

(c) the criteria therefor?

**Employment opportunities in public and private sector units**

\*468. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that employment opportunities in the public and private organized sector units have come down from 277.89 lakhs in 2001 to about 260 lakhs in 2004;

(b) whether it is also a fact that lakhs of people are affected due to globalization, liberalization and privatization;

(c) what are the details of the employees retrenched during the above period in public sector, year-wise; and

(d) how Government are planning to increase the number of employment opportunities, apart from Employment Guarantee Scheme?

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†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

### **Industries in Maharashtra**

\*469. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the States doing well on the industrial/manufacturing front;

(b) whether it is a fact that the industrial sector in Maharashtra is on the decline;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and whether Government are devising any package for the benefit of Maharashtra where industries are suffering due to several problems; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### **Recruitment of women in police forces**

\*470. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under the active consideration of Government to abolish recruitment of women in Police in the country;

(b) if so, whether some State Governments have also approached the Central Government in this regard, and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the recruitment of women in police force would be completely stopped and if not, the reasons therefor?

### **AEZ proposals from Karnataka**

\*471. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka has sent any proposals for setting up of Agri-Export Zone for aromatic medicinal and dye plants, grapes, mango, lime, pomegranate and potatoes;

(b) if so, whether any assistance has been given from Government of India; and

(c) if not, by when the proposal would be considered?

### **Increase in exports**

\*472. SHRI DARA SINGH:

SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that exports from India are likely to exceed \$100 billion during the fiscal 2005-06 as it continued to register double-digit growth at about 20 per cent;

(b) if so, what has been its growth during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) what new initiatives Government have taken to actively engage State Governments in promoting India's foreign trade besides a series of new measures to simplify procedures and enhance competitiveness of exports; and

(d) the target set for 2005-06 and 2006-07?

### **Development of textile and apparel production centres**

\*473. SHRI C. RAMA-CHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to develop 25 textile and apparel production centres in the country;

(b) if so, by when these centres would be built and the locations thereof;

(c) what would be the functions of these centres;

(d) whether it is a fact that Government propose to merge the two existing schemes,

Textile Centres Infrastructure Development Scheme (TCIDS) and Apparel Parks for Exports (APE); and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

#### **Contribution of EPF**

†\*474. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many industrial institutions and firms are facing criminal charges on account of not making payment of employee's contribution to the Employees Provident Fund;

(b) if so, the details of such firms and institutions together with the amount not subscribed by them;

(c) the action taken by Government in this regard; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that some Government officers are in collusion with the defaulting firms, and if so, Government's reaction thereto?

#### **Review of Indo-Singapore Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement**

\*475. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:  
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA  
BHARTIA:

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

(a) whether India and Singapore reviewed the Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement to identify the areas in which the two countries can improve bilateral trade and investment flow;

(b) if so, the points discussed during the meeting held on March 4, 2006;

(c) whether all issues have been settled; and

(d) to what extent Indo-Singapore agreement relating to trade in goods, services and investment has been finalized?

#### **Hike in cement prices**

\*476. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that during the last three months cement prices/ hiked upto 40 per cent;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any regulatory authority or any institution is there to control the prices rates of cement;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Funds under SGRY**

†\*477. SHRI KANJIBHAI MAGAN-BHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the funds provided in Scheduled Areas of Scheduled Tribes under Sampoorna Gramin Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) are not adequate; and

(b) if so, the action being taken to increase the funds?

#### **Suicide by police personnel**

\*478. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of police personnel who committed suicide on account of stress of

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work, depression or for other reasons, during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether Government propose to recommend measures to the State Government's in this regard; and

(c) whether Government have also taken any steps in this regard in respect of the forces under their command?

**Plan of LeT to attack BARC/Mumbai city**

\*479. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Lashkar-e-Taiba terrorists are planning to target Bhabha Atomic Research Centre at Mumbai by using suicide bomber and plan to destroy Mumbai city by using F-16 and Mirage-5 bombers;

(b) whether it is a fact that suicide mission terrorists are planning their bomber

plan with Atomic Energy Centre itself; and

(c) if so, whether Government intends to avert probable attacks on Mumbai city by Pak Terrorists using F-16, Mirage-5 bombers, keeping in view the revelations made by Lashkar-e-Taiba terrorists caught at Nagpada, Mumbai recently?

**Protection of domestic growers of Virginia tobacco**

\*480. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plans to protect domestic growers of Virginia tobacco from low-cost imports;

(b) the details of the demand made by various farmer groups in this regard; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to protect tobacco farmers to ensure that they are not put into economic crisis by weak import policies and low import tariffs?

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YOGENDRA NARAIN,  
Secretary-General.

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**(Ministry-wise)**

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