

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on

Wednesday, the July 17, 2002/Asadha 26, 1924 (Saka)

(Ministries: Coal and Mines; Defence; Home Affairs; Non-Conventional Energy Sources; Power; Rural Development; Textiles)

Total number of questions—20

Falling prices of Indian raw silk

*41. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of falling prices of Indian raw silk leading to fall in the prices of cocoon affecting farmers of silk production areas;

(b) whether Government of Karnataka has requested the Union Government for financial assistance to provide minimum support price to silk growing farmers; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to arrest the heavy import of China Silk?

Rural development projects

*42. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:
SHRI NANA DESHMUKH:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Union Minister has expressed displeasure at the slow implementation of rural projects by States despite adequate allocation of funds by the Union Government;

(b) if so, whether after a review focusing on the Southern States, the Minister found

that despite a positive response from several States to the Centre's plea for more transparency, the situation at the village level continues to be unsatisfactory;

(c) if so, which are the States where there has been slow progress in rural projects; and

(d) what are the suggestions made by the Union Government to the States to implement the rural development schemes vigorously?

Special bulldozers for border fencing

*43. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Border Security Force engaged in the work of fencing along International Border in Jammu and Kashmir to prevent infiltration have asked for supply of special bulldozers;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that in the face of continuous Pakistani firing from across the border, special types of bulldozers are necessary for carrying out digging, levelling and building of bunds; and

(c) the length of border where fencing has been completed out of the total length to be fenced?

Properties of displaced Kashmiri Pandits

*44. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN:
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that various departments of Central and State Government of Jammu and Kashmir have taken possession of the properties belonging to displaced Kashmiri Pandits/individuals and religious institutions temporarily/permanently without taking consent of the owners;

(b) whether it is also a fact that no compensation/rent etc. has been paid to several such owners;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government intend to take necessary action to pay compensation; and

(e) if so, by when this is likely to be done?

ISI activities in Leh and Kargil

*45. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that ISI has been spreading militancy to the peaceful districts of Leh and Kargil of Jammu and Kashmir as reported in the 'Statesman' dated 23rd June, 2002;

(b) if so, whether Government have chalked out any schemes to crush the nefarious designs of ISI in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof and whether the State Government have been alerted/sounded in this regard; and

(d) if so, the manner in which such activities of ISI would be controlled?

Foreign equity participation in textile sector

*46. SHRI GAYA SINGH:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) how many foreign companies have started units after the FDI policy allowed foreign equity participation upto 100 per cent in the textile sector; and

(b) the names of the companies and how much money was invested by each company?

Negotiations with Bodo Militants

*47. DR. MANMOHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in negotiations with the Bodo Militants led by the Bodo Liberation Tigers (BLT);

(b) the outstanding issues which remain to be resolved; and

(c) the steps being taken to involve all militant groups in the peace process?

Decline in turnover of CCICI Ltd.

*48. SHRI LAJPAT RAI:
SHRI SURESH BHARDWAJ:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there was a decline of Rs. 55 crores in 2001-2002 in the turnover of the Central Cottage Industries Corporation of India Ltd. as compared to the year 2000-2001;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what efforts are being made to improve the turnover including product developments?

Godhra incident

*49. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he had made a statement published in the 'Hindustan Times' dated 17th June, 2002, under the caption "Godhra not a terrorist act";

(b) if so, the facts in this regard;

(c) whether Government have received investigation report of the Godhra incident; and

(d) if so, the findings of the report?

Rate of private banks in serial bomb blasts in Coimbatore

*50. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether investigations have revealed that four private banks in Mumbai had been used as conduit to carry out the serial bomb blasts in Coimbatore in 1998;

(b) if so, the names of the said banks;

(c) the amount deposited/transferred to Tamil Nadu by these banks; and

(d) the persons involved in this nefarious act?

Bifurcation of duties of Delhi Police

*51. SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently received any report from the Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D), regarding Delhi Police, as reported in the 'Hindustan Times', dated the 1st July, 2002;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government have taken so far on the demand of Delhi Police to split law and order and investigation duties?

Capacity addition during Tenth Five Year Plan

†*52. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that N.H.P.C. had formulated a plan to add 5310 MW of power during Tenth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the places where plants will be installed for this purpose and the quantum of power to be generated by each of such plants;

(c) the cost of each of such plants and whether Government will ensure completion of construction work of these plants within stipulated time; and

(d) whether provision of required funds for installation of all such plants has been made?

Recommendations of High-powered Committee set up by Orissa Government

*53. SHRI C. RAMA-CHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the High-powered Committee set up by the Orissa Government has rejected the World Bank perception that privatization of transmission and distribution reduces losses;

(b) what are the recommendations of the Committee;

(c) whether Government propose to suggest to 'go slow' to those States which are vigorously following the policy of privatizing the power transmission and distribution; and

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(d) whether in the light of Orissa Committee recommendations the Ministry of Power propose to appoint a High-powered Committee to look into the issue from national perspective?

Riots in Gujarat

†*54. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Commission has been set-up to investigate into the riots in Gujarat under the Chairmanship of former Justice Shri D.S. Tewatia of Calcutta High Court;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the report submitted by the said Commission till date?

Revival package for NTC Mills

*55. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) how many mills will be revived and how many will be closed according to the revival package for NTC Mills;

(b) the names of the mills which will be revived; and

(c) the steps taken to revive each mill?

Central assistance for power reforms for States

*56. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether most of the States are set to sign agreements with the Union Government

listing out time-bound power reforms for seeking Central assistance;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government plans to spend Rs. 40,000 crore in the next five years for assisting States to reform their power sector utilities;

(c) whether the funds will be released after verifying the achievements made by the States as per the Memorandum of Agreement; and

(d) if so, how many States have plans to improve the power in their States?

Supply of sub-standard MIG-21 spares by HAL

*57. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has supplied sub-standard and uncertified spares to Indian Air Force resulting in a spate of MIG-21 crashes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that HAL is re-exporting quality spares imported from Russia to Algeria and Vietnam;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the measures taken to acquire quality spares by IAF to avoid further MIG-crashes?

Providing drinking water to all by 2004

*58. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry

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has spent over Rs. 32,000 crores on the various rural water supply programmes so far;

(b) if so, whether more than 20,000 villages across the country are still without drinking water;

(c) whether Government's target for providing drinking water to all the villages by 2004 is not reachable at this speed;

(d) if so, the reasons for delay in implementing this scheme; and

(e) the steps being taken by Government to implement the scheme of providing drinking water to all by 2004?

Grant of Autonomy to J&K

*59. DR. ABRAR AHMED:
SHRI P. PRABHAKAR
REDDY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the reported press statement by the Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir to the effect that the grant of autonomy to the State was a pre-requisite for the return of peace to the valley;

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether it is a fact that during his meeting with the Prime Minister, the Chief Minister reiterated his position and received some assurances from him; and

(d) if so, the details of the assurance given by the Prime Minister with regard to the demand for autonomy?

Complaint against EU in WTO

*60. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:
Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government is planning to lodge a complaint with the World Trade Organisation's dispute settlement panel against the European Union for refusing to extend to it the preferential treatment granted to textile export from Pakistan under the generalised system of preferences scheme;

(b) if so, whether India has claimed that the differential treatment has led a decrease in its exports of certain textile products to the region during the past few months;

(c) if so, what is the reaction of the WTO dispute body; and

(d) whether any settlement has been reached in this regard?

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R.C. TRIPATHI,
Secretary-General.

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