

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Wednesday, the August 17, 2005/Sravana 26, 1927 (Saka)*

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

Total number of questions —20

Extension of SEZ facilities

*321. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Apparel Export Units are demanding for extending SEZ facilities to their units set up outside SEZ;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested for opening up of SEZ; and

(d) if so, the details of the request and the action that has been contemplated on that?

Production of tea in Kishanganj district, Bihar

†*322. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that tea gardening

and production has started in Kishanganj district of Bihar in the last few years;

(b) whether it is also a fact that as per survey better quality of tea can be grown in Kishanganj and Araria districts of Bihar;

(c) whether it is also a fact that tea growers have not got any incentive from any level and they have to face adverse conditions; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps Government propose to take to encourage tea production in the said areas?

Effect of cheap Chinese tyres on domestic tyre industry

†*323. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large number of Chinese tyres are coming to India *via* Nepal and other countries and sold at cheap rates, as a result of which domestic tyre industry is affected adversely and going through a deep crisis; and

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(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto and the details of action taken so far/to be taken to save the domestic industry from this crisis and to stop the unauthorized import of Chinese tyres in the country;

Terrorist organizations active in capital and nearby areas

†*324. SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS
BAL APTE:
SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN
PANY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several terrorist organizations are active in the Capital and its nearby areas at present;

(b) if so, the details of active terrorist organizations;

(c) whether it is also a fact that these terrorist organizations have spread their network in the whole of Western Uttar Pradesh also; and

(d) the details of steps taken by Government for eliminating these organizations from the Capital and its nearby areas?

Power situation in Delhi

*325. SHRI MANOJ
BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI C. RAMA-
CHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi's power situation particularly supply has been steadily deteriorating since the power distribution was privatized a few years back;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the proposed hike in power tariff togetherwith large scale faulty bills and installation of defective meters have added to the common man's woes of frequent load-shedding;

(d) if so, action taken/proposed against errant companies for their lapses; and

(e) the measures proposed to give relief to the citizens?

Harassment for dowry

*326. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA
SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of women who committed suicide due to constant harassment for dowry by the victim's husband or her in-laws during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the number of cases filed against their husbands and in-laws for the last three years;

(c) the State-wise details of such cases;

(d) whether Government had initiated action against persons found guilty; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Children killed by army ambush in J & K

*327. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRIMATI SUSHMA
SWARAJ:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that an army ambush killed three innocent Children in J & K; and

(b) if so, what steps Government are taking so that such mistakes do not happen in future?

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Decline in rural employment rate

*328. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that in recent years rural employment rate has declined;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the proposals and action plan of Government to improve the situation?

Agency to investigate the discrepancy in the figures of textile exports

*329. SHRIMATISYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is a discrepancy in the figures of textile exports from the country and Government had appointed a professional agency to study the discrepancy in the figures; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

Rehabilitation of U.P. State Handloom Corporation Ltd.

†*330. SHRI BHAGWATI SINGH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Central Government have given their consent in principle to the package prepared by State Government for rehabilitation/reconstruction of U.P. State Handloom Corporation Ltd., Kanpur under 'Deendayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana';
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Central Government have to release a sum of Rs. 2000.00 Lakhs as matching grant in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details of the action taken thereon?

Encouraging States to establish SEZs

*331. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have any plan to encourage State Governments to facilitate establishment of Special Economic Zones in their States;
- (b) the names of States which have sent proposals for establishing such Zones;
- (c) the name of States which have made preliminary inquiries in this regard; and
- (d) the details of the overall response received by the Ministry in this regard?

Permission for export of plants, herbs and its derivatives

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that plants and herbs and its derivatives are allowed to be exported to other countries with express permission of the Ministry only;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that some Japanese tourists visiting Sikkim recently have collected 3 truck loads of herbarium (plants specimen for Botanical Studies) in Tokyo but the collected materials are seized by the Government of Sikkim; and
- (c) whether the ministry is aware of the fact that one citizen of the Czech Republic collected in 2003 rare plant seeds from North and West Reserve Forest and has now advertised in website in Europe for sale of the same?

Entrepreneur Centre

†*333. DR. CHHATRAPAL SINGH LODHA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government

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have formulated a plan to set up Entrepreneur Centre;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what are the aims to set up Entrepreneur Centre; and

(d) the progress made so far in this regard?

Production of silk

*334. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum and variety of silk produced in the country during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the steps being taken to increase the production of silk; and

(c) whether any target has been fixed for production of silk during the current year, if so, the details thereof?

Augmenting strength of Delhi Police

*335. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Police has approached the Government for augmenting its strength to the extent of doubling it;

(b) if so, the action taken thereon;

(c) the existing strength, cadre-wise of the Delhi Police as on 31.3.2005;

(d) the extent to which Delhi Police Personnel are deployed on VIP security;

(e) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to separate the VIP security in Delhi from Delhi Police; and

(f) if so, by when that is likely to be done?

Atrocities against women

†*336. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to National Crime Record Bureau, Delhi alone had recorded more than 30 per cent of total cases of atrocities committed against women in 35 metropolitan cities of the country during the year 2003;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the year 2004 had recorded further increase in such cases; and

(d) if so, the number of such cases recorded in Delhi during the aforesaid period?

Spurious oil manufacturing racket in Delhi

*337. SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

SHRI R.K. ANAND:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi Police Crime Branch has unearthed a spurious oil manufacturing racket;

(b) what were the source from which the prohibited items were procured and who was the supplier to market the spurious products to industries; and

(c) the details with action taken against the refineries from where light diesel oil were supplied?

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Leaving the country in forged documents by persons of underworld

*338. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many persons who are accused in different criminal acts of the underworld have fled the country by tinkering with their passports and by manipulating the process of verification at different Airports;

(b) whether Government initiated any inquiry to find out the close nexus between certain officials of RPOs and local police; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action against the erring officials?

T&D losses of MSEB

*339. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in MSEB (Maharashtra State Electricity Board) there has been nearly 40 per cent Transmission and Distribution losses and it has resulted into a debt of over Rs. 5,000 crore to MSEB;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for this huge Transmission and Distribution losses and what steps have been taken to ensure that these are brought to the minimum nationally acceptable limit; and

(c) what is the Union Power Ministry's norms in this regard and what guidelines are issued to ensure that State Electricity Board keep within this norm?

Amendment to the Protection of Human Rights Act

*340. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:
SHRI TARLOCHAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Human Rights Commission had demanded an amendment to the Protection of Human Rights Act, observing that "good governance would remain an unfulfilled dream";

(b) if so, in what context and background this observation and demand was made and what is the nature and substance of the amendment sought; and

(c) the Government's response thereto?

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Sravana 20, 1927 (Saka)

YOGENDRA NARAIN,
Secretary-General.

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(Ministry-wise)

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