

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Wednesday, the December 17, 2003/Agrahayana 26, 1925 (Saka)*

**(Ministries : Coal; Defence; Home Affairs; Mines; Non-Conventional Energy
Sources; Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions;
Power; Rural Development; Textiles)**

Total number of questions—20

Rape of Swiss diplomat

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

(a) whether any breakthrough in the case of rape of a Swiss Diplomat having been abducted in her own car from the Siri Fort Auditorium Parking on 14th October, 2003 has been achieved;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, what steps are being taken to nab the culprits;

(d) what was the deployment of police personnel at the parking outside Siri Fort Auditorium on that day; and

(e) if no policeman was posted there, the action taken against the concerned officers responsible for the lapse?

Subsidy on modern looms

† *222. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to increase subsidy on modern looms; and

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the details thereof and the proposed amount of subsidy?

BPL families identified under SJGSY

*223. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of BPL families identified under the Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana, State-wise;

(b) the names of States which did not contribute their share of funds alongwith the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there were large scale diversions and misutilisation of the funds and if so, the number of complaints received in this regard, State-wise; and

(d) the steps taken to check the deficiencies?

State Disaster Management Authorities

*224. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Home

Affairs has asked the States to set up State Disaster Management Authorities which would act as nodal agency in dealing with emergency situation; and

(b) if so, the number of States which have taken action in this regard?

Army colleges and institutions in the country

*225. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ:
Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of army colleges and institutions in the country;

(b) the places where they are located;

(c) whether any college/institute is also located in Gujarat;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Financial help to J&K for handicrafts exports

*226. MISS MABEL REBELLO:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Jammu and Kashmir propose to boost handicrafts exports;

(b) whether Government have extended financial help to the State for infrastructural development in the sector;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government have any similar proposal under consideration to help other backward States such as Orissa, Bihar and Madhya Pradesh, etc.; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Atrocities on dalits in Tamil Nadu

*227. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI:
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the increasing incidents of atrocities on dalits in the Southern districts of Tamil Nadu, particularly Madurai; and

(b) if so, the number of such cases reported during the last three years?

Expansion of NALCO

*228. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Aluminium Company Ltd. (NALCO) is heading for expansion;

(b) if so, the details of the expansion proposed by NALCO;

(c) the amount of investment involved in the expansion programme; and

(d) the time limit fixed for the same?

Hydel Power Development Policy, 1998

†*229. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had formulated the Hydel Power Development Policy in 1998;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the construction of Small Hydel Projects were targeted to be boosted up under the policy;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

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(d) whether Government have made any assessment in respect of power generation capacity in the Small Hydro Power Sector;

(e) if so, the quantum thereof; and

(f) the number of projects that came into existence since the formulation of the policy alongwith the existing power generation thereof?

Amendments in Sections 406 and 498A of IPC

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

(a) whether it is a fact that many families in India are suffering due to exaggerated allegations of harassment and dowry cases made by women against their husbands and other family members involving them in criminal misappropriation and cruelty;

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take in this regard;

(c) whether the Hon'ble High Court in a judgement on 19th May, 2003 has directed the Government to review and make suitable amendments in Sections 406 and 498 A of IPC; and

(d) if so, the action Government have taken or propose to take on the judgement of the Court?

National level committees for growth and expansion of textiles units

†*231. SHRI LAJPAT RAI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH
'LALAN':

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have constituted any committees at national level

during the last three years for seeking suggestion for growth and expansion of units in various sectors of textile production in the country;

(b) if so, the sector-wise (mill, powerloom and handloom) details of such committees and when each of the committees was constituted; and

(c) the details of reports submitted by these committees?

Investment in coal sector

*232. SHRI ABHAY KANT PRASAD: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the amount earmarked for the coal sector during the current year alongwith the investment made so far in this sector;

(b) the amount made available as investment in this sector by the Union Government and by way of foreign assistance separately; and

(c) the target fixed in regard to coal production during the current year and the extent to which the targets have been met so far?

Allotment of land to people below poverty line

*233. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to allot land to landless people in rural areas who fall below poverty line, on priority basis;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have made any study of shelterless households in the country;

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(d) if so, the State-wise details thereof; and

(e) by when these shelterless people will be provided land?

Disinvestment in NTC mills

*234. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of NTC mills identified for disinvestment/sell off;

(b) the reasons for delay in disinvestment/sell off of such mills;

(c) whether Government are planning any VRS for the affected workers; and

(d) what will be the total pay off for this VRS?

Recruitments by IAF

*235. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that IAF has decided to go to professional institutions like IITs, RECs, Central Universities, etc., to recruit fresh graduates for its Force;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether IAF has revised HRD norms for this purpose; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Effect of globalisation on carpet trade

*236. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether globalisation has hit Indian carpet trade; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Arrest of women during nighthours

*237. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: DR. AKHILESH DAS:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether existing rule/law permits arrest of women during night hours by policemen without presence of women police;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a recent judgement of the Supreme Court has allowed the arrest of women during night hours without presence of women police;

(d) whether any representation has been submitted against the above order of the Supreme Court; and

(e) if so, whether competent authority propose to initiate various measures to ensure that women are not arrested during night hours without presence of women police?

Death penalty for rapists

*238. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal to provide death as one of the penalties for the offence of rape, is still under consideration of the Government; and

(b) if so, the status of the proposal?

**Scheme for revival of national
Textile Corporation Mills**

†*239. SHRI LAJPAT RAI:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be
pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a scheme
worth Rs. 3,383 crores has been worked
out for the revival of certain mills of the
National Textile Corporation;

(b) if so, when the scheme was
accorded final approval; whether it is also a
fact that the said amount was planned to be
mobilised by the sale of surplus plots of land
under the textile mills; and

(c) if so, the amount mobilised under the
scheme and whether it is also a fact that
Government have already spent Rs. 750
crore in connection with this scheme?

Singapore-India defence cooperation

*240. SHRI C. RAMACHAND-
RAIAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be
pleased to state:

(a) whether Singapore and India have
signed a defence cooperation agreement;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Navies of the two
countries have held joint exercises; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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YOGENDRA NARAIN,
Secretary-General.

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