

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Monday, the August 18, 2003/Sravana 27, 1925 (Saka)*

(Ministries: Commerce and Industry; Health and Family Welfare; Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises; Information and Broadcasting; Law and Justice; Parliamentary Affairs; Shipping; Social Justice and Empowerment; Tribal Affairs; Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation)

Total number of questions—20

FM news channels

†*361. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has banned broadcast of news on the private FM channels;

(b) whether it is also a fact that despite the ban private FM channels are explaining the news in their own way and broadcasting them; and

(c) if so, Government's reaction in this regard?

Disease prone areas

†*362. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified the areas prone to deadly diseases like malaria, encephalitis and dengue;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action plan/measures taken so far to contain the diseases?

Economic cooperation between India and France

*363. SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI
REDDY:

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

(a) whether the economic cooperation between India and France is not the most satisfactory aspect of the relationship between the two countries and is not commensurate with the potential;

(b) if so, whether the French Ambassador in India has suggested that there should be more investment by the French companies in India and *vice-versa*;

(c) whether the trade between the two countries is also not up to potential; and

(d) if so, the steps Government propose to take to improve the Indo-French trade ties and also the investment?

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Calorie content of food

*364. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of food required for a minor and an adult to maintain sound health in terms of calories;

(b) the average food availability in the country for different age groups in terms of calories, State-wise;

(c) the State with the lowest and highest average; and

(d) the status of average calories availability in the country when compared with the international scale?

Allotment of land to institutions

†*365. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the CBI has been entrusted with the task to investigate into the allotment of land by DDA to 291 institutions during the last year;

(b) if so, what necessiated this investigation;

(c) whether the probe is yet to be completed by the CBI; and

(d) if so, by when the probe is likely to be completed?

Amendment in Foreign Trade (Development and Regulation) Act, 1992

*366. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

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

(a) whether Government propose to amend the Foreign Trade (Development and Regulation) Act, 1992 with a view to restrict export of dual technologies;

(b) if so, whether it also seeks to regulate trade between special economic zones and the rest of the country;

(c) whether the proposal initiated by his Ministry has been approved; and

(d) if so, by when action on this proposal is likely to be taken?

Third Master Plan for Delhi

*367. SHRI N.K. PREMA-CHANDRAN:
SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently issued new guidelines for the Third Master Plan for Delhi - 2021;

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

(c) whether Government are aware of the response of the experts and specialists in the field, town planners, representatives of trade and industry, etc. to the proposed guidelines; and

(d) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

NGOs for implementation of programmes

*368. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the list indicating location of NGOs being shortlisted for implementation of the schemes of his Ministry in Assam showing

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organisation-wise assignments and the amount sanctioned during the Tenth Plan against each scheme; and

(b) the details of the ongoing major programmes being implemented by his Ministry in Assam during the Tenth Plan period and the achievements so far?

Export promotion from NE States

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

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to open a special office in Singapore to facilitate export promotion from the North Eastern States;

(b) whether the venture seeks to promote export from seven North-Eastern States and Sikkim to East and South East Asia;

(c) whether this would also help to establish an export processing zone in North-East; and

(d) the items identified for the export?

Illegal trade of Chinese items

†*370. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI:
Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that at present the country's markets are full of items made in China and these items are coming into the country through illegal trade; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken to check this illegal trade?

Setting up of LPT and VLPT in Uttaranchal

†*371. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of LPT and VLPT proposed to be set up and those actually set up in different districts of Uttaranchal during the Ninth Five Year Plan and alongwith locations thereof;

(b) whether any target has been fixed for setting up of VLPT and LPT during the Tenth Five Year Plan; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, district-wise?

Implementation of projects by Vishakhapatnam Port

*372. DR. A.R. KIDWAI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether several schemes, each involving an investment of over Rs. 5 crores, being implemented by the Vishakhapatnam Port, are facing delays due to a variety of factors;

(b) if so, the number of the projects at present being looked after by the different agencies for execution;

(c) whether the Port Authorities are finding it difficult to put pressure on these agencies to expedite the works;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps being considered to implement these projects expeditiously?

Nutritional standard

*373. SHRI C. RAMACHAND-RAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Institute of Nutrition has conducted a survey to assess the nutritional standards of various States;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the

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National Nutrition Monitoring Bureau (NNMB) has undertaken a survey to study the nutritional levels in the drought affected States;

(c) if so, the findings thereof with special reference to Andhra Pradesh;

(d) the impact of Food for Work and Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) on the nutritional levels among the poor in Andhra Pradesh; and

(e) the steps taken to correct the nutritional imbalance among the poor sections?

Use of video conferencing for treatment of patients

†*374. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the All India Institute of Medical Sciences has introduced video conferencing consultation services for the patients and doctors of the remote areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the medical colleges planned to be linked up in the beginning?

Impact of Iraq war and SARS on exports

*375. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

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

(a) the quantum of India's exports during the last five years in terms of dollars as well as percentage, year-wise; and

(b) the impact of Iraq war and SARS on the exports?

Economic Zone for Southern States

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

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Southern States propose to constitute an Economic Zone on their own on the lines of European Union;

(b) if so, the details of the agenda drawn up for the purpose to boost exports, commerce, tourism and attract FDIs; and

(c) whether such an economic zone has also been constituted by other set of States, if so, the details thereof?

Improvement of Indian Ports

*377. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has made any efforts to improve the efficiency and capacity of Indian Ports; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Spread of AIDS

*378. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of people infected with HIV in India has increased by over half-a-million in only one year;

(b) whether it is also a fact that most of this increase is in the areas, considered to have low prevalence, indicating that the epidemic is now moving from easily

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identifiable groups to the general population;
and

(c) if so, the efforts Government propose
to make to arrest the spread of this disease?

(c) the arrangement made by
Government for rehabilitation of these girls?

**Rehabilitation of girls engaged in
begging, etc.**

† *379. SHRIMATI CHANDRA
KALA PANDEY:
SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE
AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to
state:

(a) whether Government are aware of
the fact that a large number of minor girls
are being made tools for begging and anti
social elements push them into flesh trade;

(b) if so, the details for the last two years,
State-wise; and

**Geneva meeting of developing
countries**

*380. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the
Minister of COMMERCE AND
INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 20
developing countries including South Africa
and Sri Lanka led by India met at Geneva,
and stressed the need for addressing the
concerns of developing countries,
particularly their agriculture related concerns
about protectionist policies and programmes
of the developed countries, under the WTO
regime;

(b) if so, the response of the countries
thereto; and

(c) the prospects of implementation of
the Doha declaration?

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YOGENDRA NARAIN,
Secretary-General.

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