

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Thursday, the August 18, 2005/Sravana 27, 1927 (Saka)*

(Ministries : Prime Minister; Agro and Rural Industries; Atomic Energy; Coal; Communications and Information Technology; External Affairs; Labour and Employment; Ocean Development; Overseas Indian Affairs; Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Planning; Science and Technology; Shipping, Road Transport and Highways; Small Scale Industries; Space; Statistics and Programme Implementation; Youth Affairs and Sports)

Total number of questions — 20

#### **Planetarium in Rampur district of Uttar Pradesh**

†\*341. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Uttar Pradesh has sent a proposal for establishing a planetarium in Rampur district of Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard?

#### **Expansion of UN Security Council**

\*342. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the latest position in relation to the expansion of the UN Security Council;

(b) whether Government have been assured of full support from the P-5;

(c) whether Government have been able to muster support in relation to this in the UN General Assembly; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Indian astronaut in US Space Shuttle**

\*343. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the USA is examining to include an Indian astronaut in their training programme who would board the US-manned space vehicle, Space Shuttle;

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

(c) the details of the Indo-US initiatives on space programmes in the recent years?

#### **NH Project running behind schedule**

\*344. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of

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on-going national highway projects are running behind the scheduled time;

(b) the details of such projects and the reasons for delay, project-wise;

(c) to what extent the construction cost of each such project has been increased due to delay;

(d) the details thereof; and

(e) in what manner Government propose to meet the deadlines?

#### **Unfair labour practices by big factories in NCR**

†\*345. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that big factories situated in Delhi and NCR bring hundreds of labourers from Bihar, Eastern UP, Orissa, Uttaranchal and Nepal and force them to work as bonded labourers throughout the year and send them back to their States after paying them a meagre amount;

(b) whether it is a fact that the reputed companies are also involved in the racket;

(c) whether Government would make an effort to know the facts by conducting a sincere enquiry into this matter;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Debt burden of States**

\*346. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:  
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Kerala

Government's debt burden has risen to Rs. 41,709 crores as on 31st March, 2005;

(b) the action plan of the Centre to help the State to tackle its financial problems; and

(c) the action plan of Government to help the Orissa State which is also under unsustainable debt?

#### **Showing of Indian areas in Pakistan's map**

†\*347. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some parts of Jammu and Kashmir in the map of the country are repeatedly displayed as Pakistan's part and this blunder is frequently committed by Government offices;

(b) if so, the action being taken by Government on such serious issue;

(c) whether any company or Government office can commit such a blunder in drawing Indian map and display the same on the computer; and

(d) if not, the details of the action taken in this regard?

#### **Regularisation of casual workers**

\*348. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are hundreds of casual workers working for several years under various divisions of CGM, BSNL in the country, particularly in North Eastern Region; and

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(b) if so, what is Government's stand to make these ill fated casual workers regular?

#### **Increase of child labour**

†\*349. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of child labourers has increased during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have decided to enact new laws to check child labour; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Employment through employment exchanges**

†\*350. SHRI JANARDAN DWIVEDI: SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons whose names are registered with various employment exchanges in the country, State-wise and category-wise;

(b) the number of persons who have got employment through employment exchanges since, the year 2000; State-wise and category-wise; and

(c) the amount spent on salaries etc. of employees and officers working in employment exchanges and their maintenance, so far, since 2000 and utility of such employment exchanges?

#### **CBI raids against civil servants**

\*351. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of I.A.S., I.P.S. and I.R.S. officers who have been raided by C.B.I. during last five years;

(b) how many cases have been registered against these officers on the basis of these raids;

(c) how many have been challaned out of above cases;

(d) how many have been convicted out of challaned cases;

(e) what conclusions Government draw from above statistics regarding corruption scenario in above elite services; and

(f) what steps Government intend to take to improve the situation?

#### **Highway connecting Jalandhar to Amritsar**

†\*352. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA: DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the highway connecting Jalandhar to Amritsar is a narrow one and it is planned to be widened;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme;

(c) whether it is also a fact that in view of the indications of increasing trade with Pakistan, there is a need to pay special attention on this stretch of National Highway; and

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(d) if so, the reaction of Government in this regard and by when this stretch of the road is targeted to be widened?

**Release of Indian and Pakistani fishermen**

†\*353. SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT:  
SHRI LEKHRAJ BACHANI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Pakistani fishermen released by Government from January, 2004 to April, 2005;

(b) the number of Indian fishermen released by Government of Pakistan during the said period;

(c) whether India has returned the boats of Pakistani fishermen to them, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the number of Indian fishermen whose boats have been returned to them by Pakistan?

**Agricultural workers**

\*354. SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS  
BAL APTE:  
SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether agricultural sector employs more persons than any other sector, both as farmers and agricultural workers;

(b) if so, the total number of agricultural workers in the country, State-wise; and

(c) the details of various Central welfare schemes for agricultural workers?

**Coal shortage**

\*355. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an acute shortage of coal in the country at present;

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to ensure that no wastage of the commodity takes place;

(c) whether there is any proposal to import coal to tide over the situation; and

(d) if so, the sources thereof and the likely cost per metric tonne at which it would be available in the country; including insurance and freight?

**Utilisation of fund allocated for the protective works**

\*356. SHRI R. KAMARAJ: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that less than 40 per cent of funds allocated for the protective works during the first three years of the Tenth Plan have been utilized by the coal companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have directed the coal companies that all the schemes approved by DDCA Committee are completed in a time bound programme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Pace of National Highway construction**

\*357. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the pace of National Highway construction has

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accelerated to 7.5 km a day and committed to fast-track development of infrastructure, especially roads and ports by creating more jobs;

(b) if so, the present position of the construction of each National Highway;

(c) the amount spent for each Highway; and

(d) the details of the employment provided in each category, highway-wise?

#### **Grants for sports infrastructure**

\*358. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the maximum amount of fund provided under 'Grants for creation of Sports Infrastructure' and 'Grants for Installation of Synthetic Playing Surfaces' Schemes;

(b) the details of funds provided during the last three years to NGOs, State-wise; and

(c) whether Government would provide funds to more NGOs in the country for developing sports infrastructure to develop sports spirit in the youth?

#### **Registration of Trade Unions**

†\*359. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the incident of Gurgaon, Government are considering to make changes in the labour laws;

(b) the details of the existing law regarding registration of 'trade unions', and the steps being taken by Government to make the registration mandatory; and

(c) whether Government have any information about the number of trade unions of the employees working in multinational companies?

#### **Outsourcing of Research and Development**

\*360. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the integration of India and China into global economy and consequent increase in outsourcing of research and development to these nations have not only made revolutionary impact on the cost of drug development in west but also helped reshape domestic industries in both the nations;

(b) whether as per the recent findings in the 19th Annual Global Biotechnology meet, India and China are improving their regulatory systems;

(c) if so, whether recently both countries have seen a boost in intellectual property protection, with amendment in India's Patents law in 2005; and

(d) to what extent both countries have agreed to play a greater role in Biotechnology?

NEW DELHI;  
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YOGENDRA NARAIN,  
*Secretary-General.*

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