

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Monday, the November 18, 2002/Kartika 27, 1924 (Saka)*

(Ministries: Development of North Eastern Region; Disinvestment; Health and Family Welfare; Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises; Information and Broadcasting; Law and Justice; Shipping; Social Justice and Empowerment; Tribal Affairs; Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation)

Total number of questions—20

Functioning of the CGHS dispensaries

*1. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received complaints from the beneficiaries of the Central Government Health Scheme that attendance of doctors and para-medical staff is not satisfactory in dispensaries and medicines are generally not available and also medical equipments like X-ray machines are not in working condition; and

(b) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to improve the conditions in CGHS dispensaries and hospitals?

Mala-fide propaganda by Pakistan

†*2. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are proposing to ban PTV apart from other measures to counter the mala-fide propaganda by Pakistan;

(b) whether a special group comprising high officials, constituted for the purpose by Government has submitted its report to Government; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Increase in heart diseases

*3. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the heart disease scenario in the country is alarming and getting worse every year;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the treatment of heart disease is so costly that the common man is not in a position to meet the expenses and is left to die;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Government propose to give free medical treatment for heart disease; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Alzheimer disease

*4. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether WHO has reported that

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

about 3.5 million people in India suffer from Alzheimer disease;

(b) whether this disease is more sinister than AIDS and cancer; and

(c) the symptoms of this ailment and the steps taken by Government to control the dreaded disease?

Sale of spurious drugs in Delhi

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

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently the sale of spurious drugs flourished in Delhi on a large scale;

(b) if so, the details of the raids conducted and spurious drugs confiscated; and

(c) the measures taken to check such a heinous crime?

Functioning of DD Kendra, Silchar, Assam

*6. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the near-stalemate condition of the functioning of Doordarshan Kendra, Silchar, Assam;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken in this regard to tone up the working of the DD Kendra, Silchar?

Community TV/Radio transmission projects for universities

†*7. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have introduced a project to permit some universities and institutions limited community TV/Radio transmission through narrowcast technology;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the cities in the country, particularly in Andhra Pradesh, where it is proposed to be introduced?

Coverage of AIR and DD

*8. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to cover all far-flung areas under the KU Band-higher band frequency to widen the coverage of Doordarshan and All India Radio;

(b) whether there are still large areas of the States not covered by Doordarshan and All India Radio;

(c) if so, the steps being considered in this regard; and

(d) by when proposals in this regard are likely to be implemented?

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**Sale of drugs with different
incompatible chemical
compositions**

*9. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that a number of drugs with different incompatible chemical compositions are being sold freely across the counter in the country without the prior approval of the Drug Controller General of India;

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

(c) whether such drugs could pose serious threat to health and life of the patients; and

(d) the measures taken, so far, to control the menace and proposed to be taken to put an end to it?

**Utilisation of machines in
Government Press, Nasik**

*10. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government Press, Nasik failed to furnish the utilisation capacity of two Lino type machine Model No. 780 m/c No. 198443 and 19844 to the CAG investigating team;

(b) whether the said machines are lying idle since September, 1990; and

(c) if so, the manner in which the Directorate of Printing has justified the amount of Rs. 18.66 lakhs incurred on the purchase of these machines?

**Telecast of banned movies by TV
channels**

*11. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that movies which have been banned in India are freely telecast by foreign and Indian channels, as reported in the Statesman, dated the 13th August, 2002;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to take action against such channels;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps proposed by Government to check telecast of such banned movies in future?

Polio vaccination

*12. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approved a strategy to make India a polio-free country by the year 2005;

(b) if so, whether a programme for door-to-door vaccination of children has been drawn-up;

(c) whether a special programme for States with large number of polio cases has been finalised;

(d) the steps taken to popularize the anti-polio vaccination in the country; and

(e) the other details in this regard?

Use of industrial plots for commercial and residential purposes

*13. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration to allow use of industrial plots in Delhi for commercial and residential purposes;

(b) whether all pros and cons of such a move have been weighed as such move is likely to create demands for unmanageable infrastructure; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard?

Fast Track Courts

*14. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of fast track courts set-up and the number of cases decided by these courts during the last one year; and

(b) the total number of such courts to be set-up during the next two years?

Re-look of broadcasting sector

*15. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to take a re-look into the broadcasting sector;

(b) if so, by when the final decision for re-look into the broadcasting sector is likely to be taken; and

(c) whether some of the TV channels have started 24 hour news operation in the country; if so, the details thereof?

Disinvestment of HPCL and BPCL

*16. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the disinvestment of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited has been put off for a period of three months;

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

(c) whether the decision marks a shift in Government's disinvestment policy; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Health care facilities

*17. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified the immediate health care facilities needed by the people in the country;

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

(c) whether any Centrally-sponsored or externally aided scheme is being implemented in Orissa to provide adequate health care facilities to the people of that State;

(d) if so, since when;

(e) the allocation of fund made for the scheme during Ninth Plan, year-wise; and

(f) the outcome thereof?

**Special Committee to monitor sale of
spurious drugs**

*18. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
DR. ABRAR AHMED:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set-up a
Special Committee to monitor the sale of
spurious drugs in the country;

(b) if so, to what extent this Committee
will ensure that manufacturers are
contacted directly to put an end to corrupt
practices in the purchase of drugs; and

(c) by when the Committee is likely
to submit its report?

**Construction of mental hospital in
Delhi**

*19. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:
SHRI BHAGATRAM
MANHAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a proposal
for construction of mental hospital in the
NCT of Delhi has been delayed

inordinately causing loss of revenue to
Government;

(b) whether agencies like MCD,
Institute of Human Behaviour and Allied
Sciences are mainly responsible for this
delay;

(c) if so, whether Government propose
to probe the whole issue of delay; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Plan project for development of NER
in 2002-2003**

*20. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN:
Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF
NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased
to state:

(a) the plan to develop North Eastern
Region in the current year of 2002-2003;

(b) the details of projects that have
been planned and how much amount has
been allocated for each project;

(c) whether any such project has already
been started; and

(d) what is the share of each State of
North Eastern Region in the current year?

NEW DELHI;
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YOGENDRA NARAIN,
Secretary-General.

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