

## 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 18, 2002/Agrahayana 27, 1924 (Saka)*

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

**Total number of questions—20**

#### **Ash emitted by Thermal Power Stations**

†\*401. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI:  
Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to  
state:

(a) whether Government's attention has  
been drawn to the likelihood of change in  
local ecology due to the ash emitted by  
thermal power stations in the country;

(b) if so, the quantity of ash emitted by  
each Thermal Power Station in the country  
at present;

(c) the manner in which the ash is being  
disposed off by these Thermal Power  
Stations; and

(d) the manner in which Government  
propose to deal with the hazards arising from  
this ash?

#### **Tax waiver policy for Naphtha-based power projects**

\*402. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:  
Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to  
state:

(a) whether Government have decided  
to extend the tax waiver policy, available to  
upcoming private power projects to

Naphtha-based power projects, some of the  
State-run units and also to NTPCs five  
Naphtha-based combine cycle plants;

(b) whether this exemption will bring  
the public sector units at par with the private  
power plants as far as tax obligations are  
concerned; and

(c) if so, to what extent it has been helpful  
for the State-run units?

#### **Use of non-conventional energy sources**

\*403. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT:  
Will the Minister of NON-  
CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the use of  
solar and other non-conventional sources  
of energy have not gained momentum in the  
country;

(b) the kind of non-conventional energy  
produced from different sources during the  
years 2000, 2001 and 2002;

(c) whether any industry or purpose has  
been reserved for exclusive use of non-  
conventional energy;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

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- (e) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the steps being taken to maximize the use of non-conventional energy sources?

#### **Employment provided under SGRY**

\*404. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of additional employment provided under Sampoorna Gramin Rojgar Yojana, so far, in Orissa;
- (b) whether Government have set up any machinery for monitoring the implementation of Sampoorna Gramin Rojgar Yojana;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Rural electrification in Orissa**

\*405. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) the amount spent by the Rural Electrification Corporation for providing electricity to the villages in Orissa, during Ninth Five Year Plan;
- (b) the number of villages in that State which have been electrified during that plan period year-wise; and
- (c) the reasons for tardy progress in rural electrification in that State?

#### **Parvathy Mill at Kollam in Kerala**

\*406. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:  
SHRI V. V. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the Parvathy Mill at Kollam in

Kerala, a mill run by the NTC, is not functioning due to dearth of raw materials;

- (b) the steps taken to improve the functioning of the Mill; and

(c) whether Government propose to run the Parvathy Mill as an independent Unit under the NTC?

#### **Policy on closure of abandoned mines**

\*407. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government had set up a Committee to suggest changes in the policy regarding closure of abandoned mines in the country, in the recent past;
- (b) if so, the details of recommendations made by the Committee;
- (c) whether Government have taken any action on those recommendations; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Sick mills of NTC**

\*408. SHRI R. KAMARAJ: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the present condition of 119 sick mills of National Textile Corporation, which have been identified and promised to be developed by special project announced by the Ministry; and
- (b) the funds provided for the development of sick mills, State-wise?

#### **Coal mafia in Chhattisgarh**

†\*409. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware that a gang of coal mafia is involved in

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smuggling of coal in the mines of Gevara, Deepka, Kusmunda, Dhhelkadeeh etc., in Korba region of Chhattisgarh;

(b) whether it is also a fact that network of coal mafias runs its own rules and regulations in mines as a result, about fifty truck loads of coal is being taken out illegally everyday; and

(c) if not, the details thereof and if so, the action taken in this regard?

#### **Rape cases**

†\*410. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assessment has been made by the Government in regard to the time taken in adjudication of rape cases after police investigation and the hearing in courts, in Delhi;

(b) if so, the average time taken for investigation in rape cases by police during 1999-2000 and 2000-2001; and

(c) the details of rape cases that came to light and the details of the cases referred to the court during these years?

#### **Housing scheme for Defence personnel**

\*411. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

SHRI BHAGATRAM  
MANHAR:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Prime Minister had announced a housing scheme for Defence personnel to provide family accommodation to all categories of armed forces;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a high level meeting was held in 2001 to decide the construction work of the scheme;

(c) if so, the details thereof and by when the project is likely to commence with the involvement of public sector undertakings; and

(d) the cost of the project with the number of dwelling units likely to be constructed in different categories and the name of monitoring agency for the project?

#### **Representation of minorities in police/para-military forces**

\*412. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Commission for Minorities and National Integration Council have recommended a police force with adequate representations of minorities therein; and

(b) if so, the action taken to implement the recommendations?

#### **Ban on mining activities**

\*413. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Supreme Court have issued an order banning all mining activities in the entire Aravali hills; and

(b) if so, the details of the order?

#### **Use of obsolete equipment by NSG**

\*414. SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMA-CHANDRAYYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Security Guards

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are using obsolete equipment of 1980 acquired at the time of their raising;

(b) the reasons for not providing them latest weapons and equipments; and

(c) the details of steps being taken to equip NSG with sophisticated weapons and equipments?

#### **Export of textile and handicraft items**

\*415. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that export of textile and handicraft items from Andhra Pradesh have declined during the last one year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the remedial steps being taken by Government to boost export of textile and handicraft items from the State of Andhra Pradesh to European and American countries?

#### **Targets for Ninth and Tenth Plans by NHPC**

\*416. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the target set for the Ninth and Tenth Five Year Plans by the National Hydroelectric Power Corporation;

(b) whether the NHPC could add only 60 MW of electricity to the national grid against its Ninth Plan (1997—2002) target of 450 MWs; and

(c) if so, the steps being considered to achieve the targets of Tenth Plan by the NHPC?

#### **Hydro power projects in Brahmaputra and Barak Tributaries**

\*417. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the preparation of detailed Project Reports of the Hydro Power Projects in the Brahmaputra and Barak Tributaries of N.E. Region; and

(b) the total outlay, agency entrusted, target set, source of funding etc. of these projects?

#### **Floods in Assam**

\*418. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any permanent plan to protect the State of Assam from devastating floods every year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are the steps taken so far to prevent frequent floods in Assam?

#### **Indo-Swiss Defence ties**

\*419. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to provide the details of the discussions that took place between him and his counterpart in Switzerland in terms of Indo-Swiss Defence ties?

#### **Appointment of retired IAF personnel**

\*420. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that IAF are seriously thinking of reappointing its retired personnel to work on assignments;

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| <p>(b) if so, the details thereof;</p> <p>(c) whether any other country is using such a method; and</p> | <p>(d) if so, the details of the countries which are using their retired personnel to serve their Force?</p> |
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NEW DELHI;  
*The 12th December, 2002*  


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YOGENDRA NARAIN,  
*Secretary-General.*

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