

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Wednesday, the February 19, 2003/Magha 30, 1924 (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

#### Reforms in Orissa jails

\*21. SHRI RAMACHANDRA  
KHUNTIA:  
SHRI B. J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that  
cash-starved state of Orissa has not been  
able to carry out the desired reforms in  
their jails; and

(b) whether the Central Government  
propose to render financial or other help  
to overcome this handicap; if so, the  
details thereof, if not the reasons therefor?

#### Dialogue with elected representatives to resolve Kashmir issue

\*22. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:  
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be  
pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government is of  
the view that there is need for a dialogue  
with the elected representatives and the  
separatist groups to resolve the Kashmir  
issue

(b) if so, whether any steps have been  
taken or being taken in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### Special drive to detect and deport foreigners

\*23. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:  
SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government  
have asked the State Governments to  
launch a special drive to detect and deport  
11,500 Pakistanis overstaying in India  
after the expiry of their travel documents;

(b) whether similarly the silent and  
continuous intrusion into India by 20  
million illegal Bangladeshis is a matter  
of concern;

(c) what concrete steps are proposed  
to be taken to deport these illegal  
intruders;

(d) the number of persons from  
Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and other  
countries' citizens who are overstaying in  
India as on 1.1.2003;

(e) whether anyone of them is  
suspected to be involved in terrorist  
activity; and

(f) if so, details thereof and steps taken  
to nab them?

**Withdrawal of subsidy on power consumption by farmers**

\*24. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Electricity Authority has proposed withdrawal of subsidy on power consumption by farmers;

(b) whether it is a fact that the State Governments are unable to implement the CEA's proposal as they are facing a lot of resistance from the farmers who are already reeling under drought and other natural calamities and non-remunerative prices for their agricultural produce; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Central Government thereto?

**Communal clashes in the country**

\*25. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of communal clashes that took place during the last one year;

(b) the number of persons killed and injured in these clashes; and

(c) the details of steps taken by Government to enhance communal harmony?

**Controversy over application of POTA in U.P.**

\*26. DR. ABRAR AHMED:  
SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken note of the controversy arising out of the recent application of POTA in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details of the case and views of the State Government thereon;

(c) whether Centre propose to forward some advice to the State Government on this development; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Schemes for supply of drinking water to Himachal Pradesh**

\*27. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes sanctioned for providing pure drinking water in rural, backward and snow-bound areas of Himachal Pradesh during the last five years;

(b) the year-wise amount released in this regard to Himachal Pradesh by the Central Government during the last five years; and

(c) the amount spent by Himachal Pradesh on their own during the said period?

**Over crowding in jails**

\*28. SHRI B. J. PANDA:  
SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the reports captioned, "Indian jails overcrowded with 67,000 prisoners—UP jails worse with over 29,000 inmates, Jammu and Kashmir, Tamil Nadu, Manipur prisons have space" as reported in the Asian Age, dated the 18th December, 2002;

(b) if so, the factual position about over-crowding in different jails and whether National Human Rights Commission has expressed concern over this; and

(c) the position with regard to overcrowding in jails in Orissa with steps to reduce this?

**Funding for rural development programmes**

\*29. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the States have not only diverted but also reneged on their share of funding key rural development programmes to the tune of a colossal Rs. 150 crore in 2001-2002 as against total dues of Rs. 2020.48 crore;

(b) if so, who were the biggest offenders in this regard;

(c) the action proposed to be taken against these States;

(d) whether as on November 12, 2002 another 2,17,211 habitations are being supplied with unsafe drinking water; and

(e) what are the efforts being made to provide safe drinking water and ensure utilisation of the funds fully provided by the Centre?

**National Electric Power Survey**

\*30. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA:  
Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 15th National Electric Power Survey carried out by Central Electricity Authority projected the need for capacity augmentation by 55000 MW for the Tenth Plan;

(b) if so, the reasons for targetting the augmentation of 41100 MW during Tenth Plan; and

<sup>†</sup>Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(c) what steps are being taken to bridge the energy deficit during Tenth Plan period in the country?

**Breach in PM's security**

\*31. SHRIMATI N. P. DURGA:  
PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been some incidents where security lapses have occurred in Prime Minister's security;

(b) if so, the number of such cases during the last one year; and

(c) what foolproof steps have been taken to ensure perfect security?

**Jawans of Delhi Police at the disposal of retired police officers**

†\*32. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:  
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as on September last year, 1200 jawans of Delhi Police were at the disposal of serving and retired police officers of Delhi Police for private work;

(b) if not, the number of such jawans who were at the disposal of such serving and retired police officers of Delhi Police; and

(c) the total annual amount spent on the salaries and allowances of such jawans?

**Fixing the number of BPL families for States**

\*33. SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH  
LIBRA:  
DR. ABRAR AHMED:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Centre has fixed the number of Below Poverty Line (BPL) households for States and told them not to exceed this limit while conducting the census to identify such families;

(b) if so, whether Government are aware that with several States reeling under severe drought, the BPL figures have soared and the Centre's move is bound to keep several families out of the list of beneficiaries;

(c) whether some Chief Ministers have written to Centre in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Dual citizenship to NRIs residing in Gulf countries**

\*34. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to offer dual citizenship to the People of Indian Origin who have settled abroad;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Government are thinking not to offer dual citizenship to some of the NRIs residing in some of the Gulf countries;

(c) if so, the details of the countries which have been barred from this offer; and

(d) the reasons for denying dual citizenship to Indians who are residing in those countries?

#### **Peace talks with Naga leaders**

\*35. SHRI V. V. RAGHAVAN:  
SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether NSCN (I-M) leaders came to India and met the Prime Minister and a few other Ministers of the Government in January this year;

(b) if so, the details of the talks and the purpose of the visit;

(c) whether the secessionist leaders pressed for the grant of greater Nagaland as a pre-condition for peace in the N.E. Region and if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto; and

(d) what was the final outcome thereof?

#### **Wind and bio-gas energy**

†\*36. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan for giving boost to wind energy/bio-gas energy;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Mukherjee Commission on disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose**

\*37. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Mukherjee Commission set up to inquire into the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose has sought for an extension of time to complete its work and submit its report;

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

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

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†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**MIG-21 crash in Srinagar**

\*38. PROF. M. SANKARA-LINGAM:  
SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a MIG-21 fighter aircraft of the IAF crashed in the outskirts of Srinagar on 26th December, 2002;

(b) if so, the number of casualties thereon;

(c) whether any terrorist organisation claimed their hand in the incident;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any inquiry was conducted; and

(f) if so, details of the inquiry report?

**Financial assistance to private power distribution companies**

\*39. SHRIMATI SHABANA AZMI:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether private power distribution companies have got fresh financial assistance from the Centre to implement

their upgradation plans and develop infrastructure;

(b) if so, whether in the month of September, 2002, companies got their first instalment of Rs. 400 crore as aid from the Centre;

(c) if so, what is the total aid that has been provided to the private power distribution companies by the Centre so far; and

(d) to what extent these companies have utilised these funds to improve the power sector?

**Action plan for Panchayati Raj bodies**

\*40. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is preparing a national action plan for the elected representatives and development functionaries of Panchayati Raj bodies;

(b) if so, the objectives thereof;

(c) whether State Governments have been consulted before the formation of this action plan; and

(d) by when it is likely to be implemented?

NEW DELHI;  
*The 13th February, 2003*  
*Magha 24, 1924 (Saka)*

YOGENDRA NARAIN,  
*Secretary-General.*

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