

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Tuesday, the March 19, 2002/Phalguna 28, 1923 (Saka)*

**(Ministries : Civil Aviation; Commerce and Industry; Finance; Petroleum and  
Natural Gas; Tourism and Culture; Water Resources)**

**Total number of questions—20**

#### **Currency management of RBI**

\*221. SHRIMATI SARLA MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the growing menace of free flow of counterfeit currency notes from across the borders, particularly Indo-Nepal Border;

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

(c) whether it is a fact that this has been the result of bad currency management of RBI; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to improve the currency management of RBI?

#### **Social sector expenditure**

\*222. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of GDP expenditure on social sector during 1981—1991 and 1991—2001, separately;

(b) the comparative figures of the same with the East Asian countries during the above period;

(c) whether it is a fact that our public spending on social sector has declined;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether it is also a fact that our social sector expenditure is much low as compared to the ratio recommended by the United Nation's Development Programme; and

(f) if so, what is Government's response thereto?

#### **Mismanagement in IGNCA**

\*223. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-report captioned 'Indira Centre Specialises in the art of mismanagement', which appeared in the Deccan Chronicle dated the 1st December, 2001;

(b) if so, whether Government have carried out any inquiry into the state of affairs of the Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts (IGNCA);

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to address various problems of mismanagement in the IGNCA as highlighted in the news-report?

**Decline in underground water level in Delhi**

\*224. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:  
SHRI KARNENDU  
BHATTACHARJEE:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the level of underground water is going down rapidly in the NCT of Delhi;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to meet the effects of such decline;

(c) what are the other sources for making water available to the people; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to popularise rain water harvesting?

**Import duty on rubber**

\*225. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the import duty on rubber during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether any State Government has sought increase in the import duty on rubber;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken by Government thereon?

**Reconstruction Fund for sea food exporters**

\*226. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN:  
SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT  
RAO:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Andhra Pradesh Government has requested the Central Government to guarantee bonds worth Rs. 700 crore raised from the market

to help to create a Reconstruction Fund to bail out sea food exporters in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether there is any other such proposal from any other State; and

(d) if so, what is Government's response thereto?

**Promotion of exports**

\*227. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the steps taken or proposed to be taken for encouraging export promotion in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that minimum five members should be allowed to go to foreign countries for export promotion development under Ministry's Market Development Authority;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether this would boost the export promotion activities; and

(e) if not, whether Government will review this decision?

**Working of National Library, Kolkata**

\*228. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the news-item captioned "Make India a nation that reads", which appeared in Hindustan Times of 8th January, 2002;

(b) whether Government have since decided to appoint a Committee to examine the working of the National Library, Kolkata and to make the library movement successful all over the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether help from private entrepreneurs would be sought to make the movement successful?

#### **Indo-Nepal joint water projects**

†\*229. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:  
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Nepal are working jointly to construct water projects on certain rivers;

(b) if so, the names of the rivers about which decision has been taken alongwith the names of projects to be constructed on the said rivers; and

(c) the present status of the construction with regard to each of the project?

#### **Fraudulent practices by exporters**

\*230. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have apprehended a number of exporters for fraudulent exports during the last three years;

(b) if so, the names of the firms alongwith the irregularities of each one of them togetherwith the amount involved and the action initiated; and

(c) the preventive and curative steps initiated against each one of them and against the exporters as a whole?

#### **Movement of farm products**

\*231. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA  
RAO:  
DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether representatives of farmers' organisations have demanded that controls on movement of farm products be removed and concessional import duty on farm machinery be levied; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto and the steps proposed to be taken in the matter?

#### **Effect of terrorism on tourism**

\*232. SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether tourism was very much affected at different places of the country due to U.S. attacks on Afghanistan during September to November, 2001;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State and Union Territory-wise and month-wise with earnings made from this sector;

(c) whether tourism has also been very much affected due to daily terrorists attacks in different parts of the country during 2000—2002;

(d) whether Government propose to take steps to ensure that tourism is not affected in future in the circumstances as mentioned in parts (a) and (c) above; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Revival of Biecoo Lawrie**

\*233. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Biecoo Lawrie is being referred to BIFR again;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps taken to revive the same;

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†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(d) whether any scheme has been forwarded by the Company to Government; and

(e) if so, the action taken by Government on the same?

**Supply of CNG to private vehicles**

\*234. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA' : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether private vehicles have been barred from getting CNG;

(b) if so, whether CNG stations are still supplying CNG to such vehicles;

(c) if so, whether cases have been initiated against those violating such a law;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Development of townships**

\*235. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to extend relief and protection to industrial units which intend to have their own townships providing basic amenities/ facilities which otherwise are provided by Government namely power, roads, sewerage, water and educational institutions;

(b) whether Government would allow to redeem returns on their maintenance and capital expenses for providing such infrastructure/facilities;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the policy of Government with regard to industrial units having developed basic infrastructure/facilities in their own townships and the same are being extended to adjoining areas also?

**Special package of AI for increasing revenue**

\*236. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the special package proposed by Air India and Indian Airlines for various destinations of the world to increase revenue in the coming months;

(b) if not, whether Government would consider to evolve such package meeting the challenges of foreign airlines like British Airways to increase the revenue; and

(c) if so, the period for which it would be valid?

**Public sector deficit**

\*237. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:  
SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an International Credit Rating Agency has pointed Indian Government's inability to rein-in its huge public sector deficit and warned that the country is heading towards a debt trap;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction in this regard;

(c) the details of financial position of Government as on date; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to clear the debt trap?

**FDI proposals for Jammu and Kashmir**

\*238. DR. KARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposals for Foreign Direct Investments in Jammu and Kashmir have been submitted during the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's decisions thereon; and

(c) the details of the FDIs made in the State during the last three years?

**Setting-up of projects in Orissa by multi-national corporations**

\*239. SHRI MAN MOHAN SAMAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that multi-national

corporations and big business houses flocking to set-up projects in Orissa would not benefit the local people;

(b) whether it is also a fact that they are a threat to their livelihood besides causing environmental damage; and

(c) if so, the measures taken by Government to protect the interests of the local people and environment?

**Share of Karnataka in petrol/diesel cess**

\*240. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Karnataka has requested to release Rs. 57.5 crores as its share in petrol and diesel cess collection; and

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

NEW DELHI;  
*The 13th March, 2002*  
*Phalguna 22, 1923 (Saka)*

R.C. TRIPATHI,  
*Secretary-General.*

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**(Ministry-wise)**

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