

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Friday, the April 19, 2002/Chaitra 29, 1924 (Saka)*

(Ministries: Agriculture; Chemicals and Fertilizers; Environment and Forests; Food Processing Industries; Human Resource Development; Ocean Development; Railways; Science and Technology; Steel; Youth Affairs and Sports)

Total Number of questions—20

#### Vacant posts of PGTs and TGTs in KVS

†\*381. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN:  
SHRI GHANSHYAM  
CHANDRA KHARWAR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2809, given in the Rajya Sabha on the 14th December, 2001, and state:

(a) Kendriya Vidyalayas (including divisions) in which the posts of TGT in Biology, Hindi, Social Science, English and PGT in Biology, Hindi, History have been lying vacant; and

(b) what are the Vidyalaya-wise (not at all India level) details thereof?

#### Over-bridge at Giddalur Railway Station

\*382. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA  
RAO:  
SHRI C. RAMACHAND  
RAIAH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to construct a foot over-bridge and to raise

the platform at Giddalur Railway Station in South-Central Railway, for the convenience of old, sick, children and ladies in confinement;

(b) if so, the allocation proposed to be made for the purpose; and

(c) by when the work on the project is proposed to be taken-up and the target for completion of the same?

#### KVKs in Karnataka

\*383. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA:  
Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Karnataka Government has requested the Central Government to sanction new Krishi Vigyan Kendras in eleven districts; and

(b) if so, what steps are proposed to be taken by Government to establish Krishi Vigyan Kendras in the newly formed districts of that State?

#### Standard of school education

†\*384. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that standard of

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school education in various parts of the country is deteriorating day by day;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering to take any steps for improving the same;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Gramin Mahila Mandal**

†\*385. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are Government's guidelines for the upliftment of Gramin Mahila Mandals;

(b) the details of assistance being provided by Government to Gramin Mahila Mandals;

(c) whether Government have received some representations from the Pradhan, Mahila Mandal, Nandala, Tehsil Chardhgaon, Himachal Pradesh, in regard to Mahila Mandal Bhawan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Nutritious Noon Meal Scheme in States**

\*386. SHRI R. KAMARAJ: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the Nutritious Noon Meal Scheme of the Tamil Nadu Government;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to introduce such schemes all over the country, through their financial assistance;

(c) if not, whether Government would also assist financially such schemes in States where it is already existing; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Parent-Teacher Associations in KVS**

\*387. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Academic Advisory Committee, at its 19th meeting held on 22nd November, 2001, took a decision to modify the process of election of members of the Parent-Teacher Associations in Kendriya Vidyalayas, substituting the democratic right of election by nomination by the Vidyalaya Management Committee;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Federation of Kendriya Vidyalaya P.T.As, Kerala, has passed a resolution requesting the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan to withdraw such amendment/modification; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

#### **Mobile police posts in trains**

\*388. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: SHRI RUMANDLA RAMA-CHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways are considering to provide mobile police posts on 24 express trains/passenger trains to check the activities of inter-State dacoit gangs, committing various offences and terrorising passengers, by resorting to looting;

(b) if so, in which trains;

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(c) by when this proposal is likely to be implemented;

(d) whether this would give greater confidence to the passengers;

(e) whether new personnel would be recruited for this purpose;

(f) whether further protection is being considered for rail passengers; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Navodaya colleges**

\*389. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up Navodaya colleges in the country, on the lines of Navodaya Vidyalayas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Conservation of coastal and marine environment**

\*390. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to prepare an action plan for conservation of coastal and marine environment;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of achievements made by Government in this field during the last five years?

#### **Railway corporation for Chennai MRTS**

\*391. SHRIMATI S. G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal for setting-up of a separate railway corporation for Chennai Mass Rapid Transport System is under consideration;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Payment of medical bills in KVS**

†\*392. SHRI GHANSHYAM CHANDRA KHARWAR: SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that uniform procedure or fixed time-frame for payment of medical bills to teachers/employees of KVS has not been laid down;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether about one year's or more time is taken arbitrarily by Principals in KVS in different regions, including Nasirabad for payment of medical bills of teachers and employees; and

(d) if so, the details of complaints received in this regard and the remedial steps taken?

#### **Terminal railway station at Chandigarh**

\*393. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for

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converting Chandigarh into a big terminal railway station, being the Capital of two States;

(b) whether there is also a proposal to introduce more and more passenger trains at this Station, to connect it with other State capitals; and

(c) what is the stopping time of Shatabdi Express and other trains at this Station?

#### **Container depots of CCI**

\*394. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of container depots managed by the Container Corporation and their turnover/profit for the last three years;

(b) how many private container depots are there in the country and their turnover and their net profit during the same period;

(c) the reasons for which the Railways do not encourage the private sector to set up container depots; and

(d) the reasons for investing Rs. 1400 crore in expansion by Container Corporation of India, when the PSU is slated for disinvestment?

#### **Duties on Indian steel imports by US**

†\*395. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:  
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN  
SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2111, given in the Rajya Sabha on 7th December, 2001, and state how many times the rates of import duty on steel were increased by USA during the period

from March, 1998 to February, 2002, and how much the same has been increased in each case alongwith the details of its effect on the steel trade of India?

#### **Non-cleaning of lakes**

†\*396. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the beauty of lakes in the country is vanishing due to non-cleaning of lakes particularly those close to tourist places, and rapidly increasing tendency of poaching the birds;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the amount allocated by Government for cleaning the lakes is, most of the times, spent on papers and the said amount is misused; and

(d) if so, whether Government would introduce intensive campaign for cleanliness of lakes, ponds and rivers?

#### **Express train between Nandyal and Secunderabad**

\*397. SHRI C. RAMA-CHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the metre gauge express trains running between Nandyal and Secunderabad in Andhra Pradesh, were withdrawn after conversion of the track into broad gauge;

(b) if so, the reasons for not introducing direct express train from Nandyal to Secunderabad, after the conversion; and

(c) the action taken to help passengers of the area, suffering in the absence of any direct train?

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**Power generation facilities at FCI,  
Ramagundam**

\*398. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA  
RAO: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS  
AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any request has been received in the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers from Andhra Pradesh Government to provide suitable technical consultancy, to prepare a detailed techno-economic study with regard to utilisation of facilities available at Fertilizer Corporation of India (FCI), Ramagundam, for power generation;

(b) if so, when such request was received;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Andhra Pradesh Power Generation Corporation Ltd. (APGENCO) is ready to assist the technical consultants appointed by the Government of India; and

(d) if so, the reasons for delay in appointing the technical consultants?

**Agricultural researches**

†\*399. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:  
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN  
SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a declining trend in agricultural research in the country during the past few years;

(b) if not, the respective number of successful agricultural researches during 1999, 2000 and 2001; and

(c) the names of foodgrains to which these researches were related?

**Food processing projects of Andhra  
Pradesh**

\*400. DR. DASARI NARAYANA  
RAO: Will the Minister of FOOD  
PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased  
to state:

(a) whether Government have received proposals for food processing projects from Andhra Pradesh, during the last three years;

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

(c) the financial assistance released for these projects to the State under Government's Plan schemes; and

(d) what is the present status of these projects?

NEW DELHI;  
*The 13th April, 2002*  
*Chaitra 23, 1924 (Saka)*

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

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