

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Tuesday, the April 19, 2005/Chaitra 29, 1927 (Saka)*

**(Ministries: Civil Aviation; Company Affairs; Finance; Panchayati Raj;
Petroleum and Natural Gas; Tourism; Water Resources)**

Total number of questions — 20

Outstanding arrears of Scheduled Commercial Banks towards industrial houses

†*361. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 56 given in the Rajya Sabha on 1st March, 2005 and to state:

(a) the details of the big and medium industrial houses which owe Rs. 247210 crores to Scheduled Commercial Banks;

(b) the details of the arrears industry-wise and since when these arrears are outstanding;

(c) what effective steps have been taken and when they were taken to realise these arrears; and

(d) the details of weak and sick, large and medium industries against whom outstanding amount of Scheduled Commercial Banks is Rs. 29109.89 crore?

Merger of private and co-operative sector banks

†*362. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to merge the banks in the private sector and co-operative sector with the public sector banks; and

(b) if so, the number of employees likely to be absorbed in other banks and the number of the branches in remote and rural areas likely to be shut down as a result thereof?

Airports on international map

*363. SHRI R. SHUNMUGA-SUNDARAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of airports proposed to be added to the international map by linking air services directly to the places abroad in the near future; and

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) the steps proposed to be taken up to decongest the traffic in existing international air terminals?

Fixation of oil prices

†*364. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are seriously considering to restore the right to fix domestic retail prices of petrol and diesel to the oil companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Safety of women at airports

*365. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that airports remain unsafe for women;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

Development of tourist places in Ajmer and Pushkar region

†*366. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Rajasthan has submitted proposals to the Central Government for the development of tourist places in Ajmer and Pushkar region;

(b) whether the proposals include cleaning and preservation of the famous lake of Pushkar and sanitation of surroundings around the world famous

Dargah of Khawaja Moinuddin Chisti, maintenance of link roads, construction of rest houses etc.; and

(c) the details of the decision taken by Government on these proposals?

Report of the Task Force on floods

*367. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Task Force set up by Government to look into the flood situation in the country has submitted its report;

(b) if so, what are the salient features of the report; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government thereon?

Registered companies under e-governance project

†*368. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of registered companies in the country at present;

(b) whether all companies have been connected under e-governance project; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the cost incurred in this project?

Subsidy to private health centre

†*369. SHRI ISAM SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether subsidy is provided to facilitate loan to private health centre;

(b) if not, whether Government have any plan in this regard; and

(c) the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Construction of airport in Orissa to boost tourism

*370. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

SHRI B. J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to construct an airport at Hassan in Karnataka to serve as a gateway for the Jain pilgrims visiting that place;

(b) if so, the details of the project;

(c) whether Government also propose to consider construction of an airport on similar lines near the religious hubs of Orissa to boost tourism; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Import of petroleum products

†*371. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER

SINGH MAJITHA:

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the petroleum products were imported in the country during the first eleven months of the year 2004-05;

(b) if so, the names of the petro-products and by what per cent the import of these products is more in comparison to their import in the first eleven months of the previous year; and

(c) what is the share of public as well as private sector in such imports and the necessity therefor?

Discriminatory pricing of gulf crude

*372. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many developing countries in South-East Asia are paying additional premium for gulf crude to the extent of \$2.00 per barrel;

(b) if so, whether India and other affected countries have taken up the matter of discriminatory pricing of crude with the OPEC nations; and

(c) the quantum of additional premium India had to pay during the year 2004-05 on this account?

Pilot-flight ratio

*373. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian civil aviation industry is reeling under shortage of commercial pilots;

(b) the total number of qualified commercial pilots in India, at present;

(c) the number of flights operated by the Indian carriers and pilots working with them;

(d) whether the pilot-flight ratio in India is as per the international approved ceiling; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

World Bank loans to North-Eastern States

*374. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases where the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank have made new commitments during 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05;

(b) how many of them belong to the North-Eastern States alongwith the name of the States; and

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(c) the percentage of the amount credited in the rural areas over their total amount of lending?

Independent agency to prevent adulteration of petroleum products

*375. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to hand over the entire work of detection and prevention of fuel adulteration to an independent agency i.e. Bureau of Indian Standard, Central Pollution Control Board etc. independent of the oil PSUs, and the Ministry in view of the rampant adulteration in motor fuel and lubricants; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Comprehensive Water Management Scheme

†*376. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are going to start a comprehensive water management scheme to get rid of drinking water problem in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme; and

(c) the expenditure likely to be incurred by Government for the said scheme?

Harassment of credit card holders by the credit card companies

*377. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the credit card companies do not close card accounts on the requests of their card

holders and continue to bill them inspite of several requests for cancellations to credit card companies; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

Rain water harvesting

*378. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of rain water being harvested as of now, State-wise;

(b) the steps taken by Government to save and use more rain/flood water; and

(c) whether Government propose to formulate a national scheme for recharging surface water to increase the diminishing water table in the country?

Fiscal deficit

*379. DR. AKHILESH DAS : SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the International Monetary Fund, appreciating growth of Indian Economy has warned about the huge fiscal deficit and public debt;

(b) the fiscal deficit and public debt of the Centre and the different State Governments during 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken to contain and curtail fiscal deficit and public debts?

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Air India's low cost air services

*380. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS

KAUR:

SHRIMATI PREMA

CARIAPPA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION
be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India proposes to launch
low cost air services to compete with other
international air carriers;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme; and

(c) by when such AI services are likely
to be launched and what would be the
financial viability and implication thereof?

NEW DELHI;
The 13th April, 2005

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YOGENDRA NARAIN,
Secretary-General.

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