

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Friday, the May 19, 2006/Vaisakha 29, 1928 (Saka)*

(Ministries : Agriculture; Agro and Rural Industries; Chemicals and
Fertilizers; Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution;
Environment and Forests; Health and Family Welfare;
Railways; Small Scale Industries; Steel)

Total number of questions —20

Survey of Nasirabad-Bundi railway line

†*501. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR
SANGHI:
DR. PRABHA THAKUR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be
pleased to state:

(a) whether a provision was made in
the last budget for the survey of Nasirabad-
Bundi railway line in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, whether Government have
completed that survey; and

(c) the work proposed to be done further
by Government and the details thereof?

Ban on retail sale of bird flu drugs

*502. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the
Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that approval has
been sent to ban the retail sale of bird flu
drugs; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the

reasons therefor?

Medicines prescribed/dispensed by C.G.H.S. dispensaries

*503. SHRIMATI MOHSINA
KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH
AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to
state:

(a) the list/names/details of the
medicines that can be prescribed/dispensed
directly by the MO/CMO of C.G.H.S.
dispensaries;

(b) the proportion of such medicines
disposed as compared to medicines
dispensed through indent procedure on
recommendation of Specialists, in terms of
their cost value (latest available figures);

(c) whether it is a fact that the activity
of diagnosis and treatment has concentrated
with the Specialists and the dispensaries
are just centers for disbursement of
medicines; and

(d) the remedial steps proposed, if any,
to restore the real utility of the dispensaries?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

National River Conservation Plan

*504. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National River Conservation Plan is under implementation in the country;

(b) if so, the total funds released by Government, so far, under this plan utilized by the concerned State-Governments;

(c) how far the scheme has been completed most particularly the Ganga and Yamuna Action Plan; and

(d) by when the plan is expected to be completed?

Frame work for implementation of NRHM

†*505. SHRI BHAGWATI SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the feature of the National Rural Health Mission and framework for implementation of this scheme;

(b) the details of allocation of 8,207 crore rupees given in the budget for this year 2006-07 item-wise;

(c) the details of role and training of the workers 'Asha';

(d) whether Government think that this programme would take us to success in achieving the target of health for all; and

(e) if so, the details of the strategy to be adopted to achieve the same?

Announcement of bonus in addition to support price for wheat

†*506. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the support price of wheat fixed by Government for 2006-07;

(b) whether Government have also announced to give a bonus of Rs. 50/- per quintal in addition to the support price;

(c) whether prices of wheat in the retail market have gone high due to purchases made by the MNCs and local stockists as per announcement of the bonus of Rs. 50/- per quintal;

(d) whether the given bonus has caused a rise in the prices; and

(e) whether Government would succeed in getting wheat for buffer stock after the large scale purchase of wheat by MNCs and local stockists?

Assistance for oil palm development in Karnataka

*507. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have released the amount for oil palm development during 2005 and 2006 for Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details of share of Central and State Government; and

(c) the details of total amount released till today?

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Crop diversification programme

*508. SHRI MANOHAR GAJANAN JOSHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a plan has been formulated to improve soil and launch a new crop diversification programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the States where it is proposed to be launched?

Backlog vacancies

*509. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of backlog vacancies as on 31st March 2004 in his Ministry and various departments under his Ministry

(b) whether, special drive was carried out to fill the above backlog vacancies;

(c) if so, the number of vacancies filled during the last two years, department-wise; and

(d) what is the backlog vacancies as on 31st March 2006?

New rail line from Valsad to Nasik

†*510. SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) when was the final survey conducted for construction of new railway line from Valsad (Gujarat) to Nasik (Maharashtra); and

(b) the provisions made for constructing this new railway line?

Haridaspur-Paradip broad gauge line

*511. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have invited expression of interest in the 82 kms. Haridaspur-Paradip broad gauge rail link in Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the action plan of Government to expedite completion of other on-going projects in the State to meet the increased freight and passenger traffic demand as a result of fast industrialization of the State?

Underbridges at important railway crossings

†*512. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: DR. PRABHA THAKUR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that lakhs of people are forced to waste their time, petrol and diesel due to closure of barriers of railway crossings at several places throughout the country; and

(b) whether Government propose to have special provision in the budget for construction of under bridges at important railway crossings to check wastage of time, money and labour and to facilitate passengers in large number; if so, the details thereof?

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Menace of quacks

†*513. SHRI SANTOSH
BAGRODIA:
DR. PRABHA THAKUR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that many quacks are arbitrarily treating the patients by charging them high fees after opening their own clinics without having the required license and proper degree;

(b) whether treatment by such quacks is risky for the patients' health; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken or being taken by Government to close down these clinics together with the details thereof?

Poaching of leopards in Rajaji National Park

†*514. MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that illegal poaching of leopards is being done in the country-particularly in the Rajaji National Park causing constant decrease in their number;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken concrete steps to check the illegal poaching of leopard and other wild animals;

(c) the names of categories and the number of forest officials penalized for illegal poaching in the National Park inspite imposing complete ban on the poaching of wild animals; and

(d) the number of skins of leopards recovered from the Rajaji National Park, during 2004-05?

Rural Backyard Poultry Development

*515. SHRI C. RAMACHAND-
RAIAH: Will the Minister of
AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to start a new scheme viz Rural Backyard Poultry Development;

(b) if so, the salient features of the scheme;

(c) the time by which the scheme is likely to be implemented; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to strengthen the contribution of the organized sector by promoting backyard poultry particularly in Andhra Pradesh?

Jobs to sports person in railways

†*516. SHRI JAI PARKASH
AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of
RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to adopt talented sports persons by providing jobs to them in the Railways or by giving them training after constituting a sports cell in view of Commonwealth Games to be organized in 2010 in the capital;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Quality of wheat imported from Australian wheat Board

†*517. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR
PRASAD:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR
JOSHI:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that doubts have

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been raised about the quality of wheat when its first consignment reached the country after being imported from the Australian Wheat Board;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the source which raised this doubt?

Small Scale industries in rural Punjab

*518. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of small scale manufacturing units in the rural areas in Punjab based on timber have been closed down due to cheaper imports of raw materials as well as finished goods resulting in slump in consumption levels of farm forestry products;

(b) whether Government have received any request from the State Government of Punjab to help establishment of wood based paper mills/pulp/board industries in Punjab and North-Western region of the country to boost farm forestry and help the poverty stricken families of the State; and

(c) the action taken by Government in the matter?

Improvement in infrastructure in warehouses

*519. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether standard of warehouses is poor in our country compared to other countries;

(b) whether 30-35 per cent of foodstuff purchased in our country goes waste due to poor and inadequate infrastructural facilities in warehouses; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to provide adequate infrastructural facilities in warehouses?

Meningococemia in Delhi

*520. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that national capital has been in the grip of Meningococemia, the killer disease;

(b) if so, the number of suspected cases tested positive for the disease till now by the National Institute of Communicable Diseases;

(c) the steps taken by Government to contain and prevent the disease spreading in other States;

(d) whether adequate quantity of medicines is available; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps taken to meet the requirement thereof?

NEW DELHI;
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Vaisakha 23, 1928 (Saka)

YOGENDRA NARAIN,
Secretary-General.

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