

## **RAJYA SABHA**

### **List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS**

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on*

*Friday, the July 19, 2002/Asadha 28, 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**

#### **AICTE approval to BITM course**

\*81. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bachelor of Information Technology and Management (BITM) Course of Utkal University, Orissa is approved by AICTE and UGC;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Death of fish in Yamuna**

\*82. SHRI BHAGATRAM  
MANHAR:  
SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

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

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newspaper report titled "Pollution authorities worry as fish die in Yamuna", which appeared in the Asian Age, New Delhi on 21st June, 2002; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to save aquatic life and increase the efficiency of sewage treatment plants in the river stretch of Delhi?

#### **Closure of Kulti works of IISCO**

\*83. SHRI GAYA SINGH:  
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to close down Kulti works, a unit of IISCO at Burnpur and privatise the iron ore mines, as a part of revival scheme of IISCO;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Central Trade Union Organisation (CTUO) has requested Government to reconsider the proposal and the BIFR to give a hearing to the unions, before finalising any revival scheme; and

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

#### **Accountability of NCERT**

\*84. SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether NCERT is accountable to the Central Government only; and

(b) whether most of the State Governments expressed lack of confidence in the NCERT at the recent meeting of its General body; if so, what changes Government intend to make in the functioning of NCERT?

#### **Maintenance of stadia in Delhi**

\*85. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:  
SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that stadia in Delhi were poorly maintained before the decision to host the Afro-Asian Games was taken;

(b) what amount of money was spent to maintain those stadia; and

(c) how many stadia have been upgraded by the SAI?

#### **CII survey on bio-tech sector**

\*86. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a survey was conducted by the Confederation of Indian Industry, on the bio-tech sector, covering 52 companies;

(b) if so, whether they have found that bio-tech is one of the fastest emerging sectors in the country and has projected it to grow to \$ 4.5 billion by the end of 2010;

(c) whether Government have examined the survey report;

(d) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to implement the suggestions made in the survey report; and

(e) what steps are being taken to invest more in the bio-tech industry?

#### **Six new Railway Zones**

\*87. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had decided to set up six new Railway Zones in 1996;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the financial projection in terms of additional resource generation by the proposed creation of New Zones and financial expenditure anticipated for the Administrative infrastructure to be developed for this creation?

#### **Wildlife in Madhya Pradesh**

\*88. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of national parks, sanctuaries, nature and bio-sphere reserves and tiger projects in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) the details regarding the names, locations, areas notified in primary notification and the areas finally notified under the provisions of Wildlife (Protection) Act; and

(c) the quantum of funds allotted to the State for wildlife management, rehabilitation of oustees from protected areas, eco-development, demarcation and protection of these areas, development of rescue centres, etc. during the last three financial years?

#### **Foodgrains production**

\*89. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the estimate of total foodgrains production this year; and

(b) what was the figure of foodgrains production last year?

**Bifurcation of Eastern Railway Zone**

\*90. SHRI C. RAMACHAND-  
RAIAH:  
SHRI JIBON ROY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to bifurcate the Eastern Railway Zone;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the West Bengal Government has opposed this decision to form a New Zone, by splitting the Eastern Railway Zone; and

(d) if so, the reasons for opposing the bifurcation of Eastern Railway Zone?

**Rail accidents in States**

†\*91. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) which States witnessed the largest number of rail accidents during the last three years, giving the State-wise details thereof; and

(b) what steps Government propose to take to check the same?

**Trade in endangered bird species**

\*92. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that despite the laws and rules the bird catchers in India are still trading in many endangered birds and poaching the endangered animals;

(b) if so, the details of such activities detected during the last three years; and

(c) the steps taken by Government, so far, to stop such illegal practices?

**Maintenance of animals in scientific laboratories**

\*93. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up a Committee to look into the issue of maintenance of animals used in scientific laboratories;

(b) if so, what are the terms of reference of the Committee; and

(c) by when the Committee is expected to submit its report?

**Electrification of Delhi-Ahmedabad rail section**

\*94. SHRI BACHANILEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to electrify the Delhi-Ahmedabad rail section also, *via* Jaipur, Ajmer, Abu Road, Palanpur in view of the heavy rail traffic on this Section;

(b) if so, by when this section would be electrified; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Problems of fruit, vegetable and flower growers**

†\*95. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of fruit, vegetable and the floriculture items during each of the last three years;

(b) whether Government are aware of the problems being faced by the producers thereof;

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†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(c) if so, the details thereof and whether they have ceased to produce these commodities; and

(d) if so, the measures taken by Government to encourage production of these items particularly for export?

#### **Wildlife parks in Tamil Nadu**

\*96. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of national wildlife parks in Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether Government are aware of ample scope for development of small sanctuaries into wildlife parks in that State;

(c) if so, whether any step has been taken in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **National seed policy**

\*97. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to release national seed policy-2002; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Finance Ministry's approval to a Railway project**

\*98. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have decided to implement an ambitious plan for taking

up a programme on the lines of the National Highway Development Project, by sending a Rs. 26,000 crore proposal to the Ministry of Finance; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal?

#### **Agri-clinics and Agri-business Centres**

\*99. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Agri-clinics and Agri-Business Centres set-up in the country, State-wise, as on 31st March, 2002;

(b) the number of such Centres set up in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) the aims and objectives of this scheme;

(d) whether the scheme provides counselling to farmers for taking up new ventures in horticulture and allied fields; and

(e) the total amount sanctioned and spent under the scheme?

#### **MSP of foodgrains**

\*100. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the basis of fixing MSP (Minimum Support Price) for different foodgrains;

(b) which year had been taken as the basic year, to work out the cost;

(c) what has been the percentage of ingredients of different foodgrains since then, price-wise; and

(d) whether the MSPs are going to be co-related with price index; if not, the reasons therefor?

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R.C. TRIPATHI,  
Secretary-General.

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