

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Monday, the November 19, 2001/Kartika 28, 1923 (Saka)*

(Ministries: Development of North-Eastern Region; Disinvestment; Health and Family Welfare; Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises; Information and Broadcasting; Law, Justice and Company Affairs; Shipping; Social Justice and Empowerment; Tribal Affairs; Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation)

Total number of questions—20

Access of disabled to education

*1. PROF. (SHRIMATI) BHARATI RAY : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has more than five crore disabled people;

(b) whether over 98 per cent of them have little or no access to education and scholarships are given only to deserving disabled students with limited means; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken by Government to provide a helping hand for the disabled persons in view of their great success in every field?

Operation at Tandur Plant of CCI

*2. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY :
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO :

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that operation at Tandur Plant of Cement Corporation of India (CCI) has resumed;

(b) the installed capacity of the plant;

(c) whether his Ministry has released the amount for working capital and modernisation, as assured by him; and

(d) if not, when his Ministry is going to released the funds?

Criteria for recognising hospitals etc.

*3. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL
VAHADANE :
SHRI ANIL SHARMA:

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

(a) the details of criteria adopted in recognising the private hospitals/diagnostic centres under CGHS at Delhi, Faridabad, Gurgaon etc., *vide* OM F.No. Rec-24/2001/JD(M)/CGHS/DELHI/CGHS(P), dated the 7th September, 2001; and

(b) the reasons for excluding and de-recognising Hospitals like Batra Hospital, New Delhi, Escorts Heart Institute, New Delhi, Escorts Hospital and Research Centre, Faridabad, Holy Family Hospital and Sundar Lal Jain Hospital, Ashok Vihar, Delhi?

Protective measures against natural calamities

*4. SHRI NAGENDRA NATH
OJHA:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had written to all State Governments pointing out which of their territorial areas were prone to natural calamities such as earthquake, cyclone and floods and suggesting protective measures which they should take to minimise the likely damage in case any such disaster struck;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the States who responded to the suggestions made and the measures taken/ being taken by these States in this regard; and

(d) further steps being taken by Government to pursue the matter with the remaining States?

Institutions for disinvestment

†*5. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL : Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether names of certain institutions have been forwarded to Government for disinvestment;

(b) if so, the decision taken in respect of the institutions for the purpose of disinvestment till September, 2001; and

(c) the details of the institutions, out of them, which are not making any production,

due to sickness and Government are forced to contribute for their maintenance annually?

Prevention of Anthrax

*6. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Anthrax affected persons in Karnataka;

(b) the number of persons died due to Anthrax in the State;

(c) the steps taken by Government to prevent/eradicate Anthrax in the State; and

(d) the financial and medical facilities provided, so far?

Use of infrastructure facilities by private F.M. Radio Companies in Metros

*7. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to allow private F.M. Radio Companies to use the infrastructure facilities in the metros;

(b) if so, whether any feasibility study has been conducted in this regard;

(c) if so, the recommendations made by the study; and

(d) whether any Memorandum of Understanding has been signed for providing the facilities, so far?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Strategy to tackle the problems of slums and its dwellers

*8. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMA-CHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have prepared and finalised a slum policy;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that two-pronged strategy would be adopted to tackle the problems of slums and their dwellers;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the total amount, so far, agreed to be provided in implementing the scheme; and

(e) the States where this scheme will be introduced?

Unauthorised constructions in the Capital

*9. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether unauthorised constructions in the capital have once again been increasing on mass scale during the past few months;

(b) if so, whether the civic agencies, DDA and Delhi police are keeping their eyes closed on such clandestine activities;

(c) if so, whether Government have taken/propose to take any steps to check such unauthorised constructions and also to pull down such constructions which have unauthorisedly taken place earlier; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Tribal deaths in Orissa

*10. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of tribals who died in various districts in Orissa from 1st January of the current year, till date;

(b) the reasons of their deaths;

(c) whether it is a fact that a large number of deaths are taking place in that State, particularly in the KBK districts;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken to prevent the untimely and unnatural deaths?

PSUs identified for sale

*11. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI V. V. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have identified five strategic public sector undertakings for sale; and

(b) if so, the details of the assets value, liabilities etc. of these undertakings?

Bungalows identified for demolition and new construction

*12. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are large number of old bungalows in metropolitan cities which despite spending

huge amount on their maintenance are still in a dilapidated condition;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to demolish them and construct new bungalows in their places; and

(c) the number of such bungalows identified by Government upto 31st October, 2001, for demolition and construction of new ones in their place?

Completion of shareholders' agreement for privatisation

*13. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of organisations in which shareholders' agreement for privatisation has been completed;

(b) the disinvestment target set and whether Government will be able to meet the target; and

(c) the details of the companies slated for privatisation during this year?

Shortage of dwelling units

*14. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that, at present, country faces a shortage of over 20 million dwelling units;

(b) if so, whether Government are thinking of providing the right policy and reform impetus coupled with other infrastructural inputs so that maximum

number of persons, especially belonging to lower strata of society, could be provided this basic necessity; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the time frame?

Infantile Mortality Rate

*15. SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) which State leads the States in terms of high Infantile Mortality Rate;

(b) the IMR per thousand births in each State; and

(c) the special steps being taken to bring down IMR in different States?

Creation of Welfare Fund for lawyers

*16. SHRI C. RAMA-CHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to enact a legislation for creation of Welfare Fund for lawyers of the country;

(b) if so, the details of the circumstances which have prompted Government to initiate the aforesaid legislation and the objectives to be achieved thereby;

(c) whether the Bar Council of India has been consulted in the matter;

(d) if so, the details of the suggestions; and

(e) by when a bill on the subject is likely to be brought before the Parliament?

**Disinvestment of petroleum related
PSUs**

*17. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to offer petroleum related PSUs for disinvestment;

(b) if so, the names thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Unspent amount under Urban
Employment Generation
Programme (UEGP)**

*18. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether under Central and States share of fund of Rs. 2039.89 crore released under Urban Employment Generation Programme (UEGP), a sum of Rs. 645.98 crore remained unspent as on 31st March, 2000;

(b) whether it is a fact that 910 schemes under the programme in the States were abandoned mid-way after incurring Rs. 6.02 crore;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the action taken by Government on both the counts?

Diversification of tribal development funds

*19. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA
NAHATA:

DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that funds for tribal development are being diverted by certain districts and States; and

(b) if so, the names of such districts and States and the steps taken to ensure proper utilization of the funds to end agony of the tribals for whom potable water and electricity are still a luxury?

**Withdrawal of Singapore Airlines from
AI disinvestment process**

*20. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for withdrawal of Singapore Airlines from the process of disinvestment of Air India; and

(b) the precautionary measures taken to prevent such withdrawal from the disinvestment process?

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R. C. TRIPATHI,
Secretary-General.

I N D E X
(Ministry-wise)

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