

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Wednesday, the April 20, 2005/Chaitra 30, 1927 (Saka)*

**(Ministries: Commerce and Industry; Defence; Home Affairs;
Non-Conventional Energy Sources; Power; Rural
Development; Textiles)**

Total number of questions — 20

Concern over sale of F-16 Aircrafts by US to Pakistan

*381. SHRIMATI SUSHMA

SWARAJ:

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is concerned over the offer of America to give F-16 aircrafts to Pakistan;

(b) if so, whether India has expressed its concern to the American Government;

(c) what is the impact on the capability of the Indian Air Force *vis-a-vis* Pakistan Air Force;

(d) the number of F-16 aircrafts in the fleet of Indian Air Force;

(e) whether US has offered F-16, F-18 and other military aid to India; and

(f) if so, the details and Government's response thereto?

Grant for Swajaldhara scheme

*382. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that grants are sanctioned to various projects under the 'Swajaldhara' scheme for drinking water supply;

(b) if so, the details including the number of projects submitted, approved and grant allotted and utilised under the scheme during the last three years, year-wise, State-wise and category-wise;

(c) whether any proposal submitted from Malappuram district of Kerala for drinking water supply under the scheme which is pending before the competent authority as on today;

(d) if so, the action taken on above proposal; and

(e) the reason for delay, if any?

Audit of defence procurement system

*383. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the audit of defence procurement system has been completed and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to ensure transparency in defence deals; and

(c) how does the new defence procurement system differ from the old/existing system?

Blacklisting of some NGOs by CAPART

*384. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the “Council For Advancement of People Action-CAPART” has blacklisted some NGOs for non-completion of Projects; and

(b) if so, the names of the NGOs and the steps proposed to check recurrence of the same?

Naxalism in various States

*385. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of growing Naxalism threat in Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa and West Bengal; if so, what measures have been taken so far to prevent it;

(b) how many killings and other offences are registered against Naxalites in the past two years and how many Naxalite groups are operational in these areas, State-wise details thereof; and

(c) the names and State-wise list of Naxalites arrested in the last two years?

Industrial growth centres in N.E. States

*386. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMA: Will the Minister of

COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Industrial growth centres functioning at present in the North Eastern States;

(b) the number of Industrial growth centres sanctioned and proposed to be set up in the region during the year 2005-2006; and

(c) the total amount of funds allocated by Government for this purpose?

Overstay in India by Pak nationals

†*387. SHRIMATISAVITA

SHARDA:

SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that a number of Pakistani cricket fans visiting India to view cricket match between India and Pakistan at Mohali have not yet gone back even after the expiry of their visa period;

(b) if so, the number of such Pakistani nationals; and

(c) the action taken by Government to search and send them back?

Poverty alleviation programmes in Nagaland

*388. SHRI T.R. ZELIANG: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of poverty alleviation programmes formulated by Government for North-Eastern States particularly for the rural, hilly, tribal and backward people of Nagaland during the last three years;

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(b) the details of financial allocation made by Government for this purpose during this period; and

(c) the necessary steps being taken by Government to provide more funds for rural development of NER during Tenth Five Year Plan?

Request for banning import of onions

*389. SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS BALAPTE:
SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether an *Ad-hoc* Committee of Maharashtra Legislature on Onion had called on the Union Minister on November 7, 2003, to request for banning imports and removing the ban on exports of onions and increase in handling subsidy for the perishable commodity on the lines of sugar and fixing a minimum support price for onion; and

(b) if so, the decisions since taken and the steps taken to implement the same?

Increase in bilateral trade with China

*390. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that there is a 79 per cent growth in bilateral trade with China in 2004;

(b) if so, whether India has put forward any proposal or *vice-versa* for having a free trade agreement between the two countries; and

(c) how the bilateral talks between India and China help in improving trade between the two countries?

Adverse effect of alert regarding Tsunami

†*391. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that after devastating Tsunami waves, survivors in coastal areas showed patience while Central Governments' Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Science and Technology flashed alert message again which led to panic among coastal habitants;

(b) if so, what were the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of efforts made to avert recurrence of such incidents in future?

G-20 Meeting

*392. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN:
SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the agenda for the meeting of G-20 countries held recently in New Delhi;

(b) the outcome of the meeting; and

(c) the issues put forth by India in the meeting and the response of the other countries thereto?

Sick state of handicraft industry

*393. SHRI N.R. GOVINDRAJAR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that handicraft industry is constantly becoming sick due

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to its unorganized set up under Textiles Ministry;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons for sickness of handicraft industry and the concrete steps taken by the Government to organize this industry?

Disapproval of WTO of subsidies to domestic cotton growers by US

*394. SHRI MANOJ

BHATTACHARYA:

SHRI N.K.

PREMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the WTO appellate body has upheld a ruling disapproving the action of the Government of the USA providing huge export subsidies to the domestic cotton growers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Allocation of funds for mega power projects

†*395. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to launch mega projects in view of the requirement of the power in the country;

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

(c) the funds likely to be allocated by Government for the implementation of these projects?

Indo-Japan bilateral trade

*396. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has expressed concern over its stagnant trade with Japan which has not exceeded \$4 billion in the last seven years;

(b) if so, whether bilateral trade stood at \$4 billion in 2003-04 as opposed to same level in 1997-98 and it remain stagnating;

(c) if so, whether India's trade relationship with other countries in the region have been encouraging growth;

(d) if so, whether India and Japan have agreed to improve trade relations;

(e) if so, whether any agreements in this regard has been reached and signed; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Production of good quality Coffee

†*397. SHRI ISAM SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether good quality coffee can be produced at the height of 900 metres;

(b) if so, the number of such States in India; and

(c) the details of action plan of Government regarding production of good quality coffee in India?

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Monitoring of hostile propaganda on TV channels

*398. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Home Ministry is likely to take up the issue of hostile propaganda in television and radio broadcasts;

(b) if so, whether to ensure an effective control for screening in national interest Government have decided to move central monitoring service to Home Ministry from the I & B Ministry;

(c) if so, whether security concern has become important due to a large number of channels and "with Direct-To-Home" (DTH)" broadcasting set to take off in a big way; and

(d) if so, to what extent Home Ministry have taken this issue seriously and are likely to monitor this hostile propaganda?

Road connectivity

*399. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI:
Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to ensure road connectivity to all the habitations with population more than 500 in plain areas and more than 250 in hilly States by the year 2007;

(b) if so, the funds required for the purpose;

(c) whether there is any shortfall *vis-a-vis* target to generate these funds; and

(d) if so, the manner in which Government propose to meet the requirement of additional funds?

IAF helicopter crashes

*400. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of IAF helicopters crashed during last three years, year-wise;

(b) the reasons for each crash; and

(c) the steps taken to prevent them in future?

NEW DELHI;
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Chaitra 23, 1927 (Saka)

YOGENDRA NARAIN,
Secretary-General.

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