

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Friday, the August 20, 2004/Sravana 29, 1926 (Saka)*

**(Ministries: Agriculture; Chemicals and Fertilizers; Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution; Environment and Forests; Food Processing Industries; Health and Family Welfare; Railways; Steel)**

**Total number of questions — 20**

#### **Increasing passenger traffic on Mumbai-Delhi rail link**

\*361. SHRI SANJAY RAJARAM  
RAUT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that passengers  
travelling through Mumbai and Delhi are  
increasing day by day and Railways can  
not accommodate passengers demand;

(b) if so, whether Government propose  
to increase the sleeper and A/C coaches for  
Mumbai and Delhi bound trains; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not,  
the reasons therefor?

#### **Surveys of sanctuaries and parks**

\*362. SHRI V HANUMANTHA  
RAO: Will the Minister of  
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be  
pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated for surveys of  
sanctuaries and parks in 2003-2004;

(b) the quantum of funds spent for such  
purposes;

(c) whether any steps would be taken  
to routinely survey all wildlife parks and  
sanctuaries in the country; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **National Health Policy**

†\*363. SHRI PYARELAL  
KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of  
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be  
pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that  
Government's health service, continuing  
under the National Health Policy, has failed  
to achieve its goals;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government in  
this regard; and

(c) if not, the number of health centres  
opened so far across the country under the  
National Health Policy and their present  
status?

#### **Drought impact in States**

†\*364. DR. MURLI MANOHAR  
JOSHI:  
SHRIMATI SAVITA  
SHARDA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than  
half of the country is facing drought due to

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†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

non-arrival of monsoon rain at expected time;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) whether Government have collected information in respect of impact of drought in each State of the country;

(d) if so, the percentage of drought affected area in each State of the country;

(e) the estimated reduction in the production of kharif crop in each State; and

(f) the details of strategy/plan proposed to meet the situation?

**Special arrangement for SC community under National Health Policy**

†\*365. SHRI NARAYAN SINGH KESRI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any special arrangement has been made for rural scheduled caste community under National Health Policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether Government would consider for special arrangement for crores of the scheduled caste population in rural areas of the country?

**Rail reservation facilities**

†\*366. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the States having no railway track in its vast area, will be given preference in the expansion of rail reservation facilities;

(b) whether all the District Headquarters of such States will be provided with the rail reservation facilities during the year 2004-2005; and

(c) if so, by when all the District Headquarters and major cities in the States like Uttaranchal will be provided with such rail reservation facilities?

**Shortage in fertilizer supply**

\*367. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN:  
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there had been an upsurge in the sale of MOP fertilizers during the current kharif season, which resulted in the short fall in the supply of fertilizers to the farmers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps Government have taken to meet the shortage and the results thereof?

**Inviting tenders through internet**

†\*368. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to invite tenders through internet keeping in view the crimes being committed due to the contractor system in railways;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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

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**Mega integrated industrial estate for chemicals and petro-chemicals industry**

\*369. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a plan has been formulated to set up a mega integrated industrial estate for the chemicals and petro-chemicals industry under foreign collaboration;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the feasibility studies undertaken, if any, to identify suitable location(s) for the project in different regions;

(c) whether it is also a fact that some other countries like Singapore, Thailand, China, etc., have already set up such projects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Loan licenses for drugs**

\*370. SHRI DHARAM PAL  
SABHARWAL:  
SHRIMATI PREMA  
CARIAPPA:

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

(a) the number of loan licenses for drugs that have been issued in the country for manufacture of medicines;

(b) whether it is a fact that majority of these licenses have been issued for small and medium scale units; and

(c) if so, the details of the licensed companies which have no manufacturing base in the country and get their products manufactured on loan license from SME indicating their annual turn over from these products; and

(d) the reaction of Government in this regard?

**Release of imported cattles from quarantine station at Chennai**

\*371. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA  
RAO:  
SHRI RAMA MUNIREDDY  
SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 201 breeding cattle imported by Andhra Pradesh and West Bengal from Australia for breed improvement under the National Project for Cattle and Buffalo Breeding are languishing in the quarantine station at Chennai due to the Central Government delay in approval for their release;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the main reasons for delaying the approval; and

(d) the steps taken, so far, for releasing the animals immediately?

**Maternal deaths**

\*372. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI:  
Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to World Health Organisation the country with highest number of maternal deaths is India;

(b) whether any policy has been formulated/targeted for safe motherhood;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of maternal deaths for the last three years, State-wise, year-wise; and

(e) the number of Primary Health Centres in Rural and Urban areas which are equipped to deal with emergencies in cases of child birth State-wise, as on today?

**Public spending on health in India**

\*373. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:  
SHRI DATTA MEGHE:

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

(a) whether according to data available in Human Development Report, 2004 India ranks 171 out of 175 countries in terms of public spending on health;

(b) if so, whether public spending on health in India is a mere 0.9 per cent of GDP;

(c) whether according to the Planning Commission's latest review, there is just one doctor for 1008 people and one bed for 1223 of the population;

(d) if so, whether there is shortage of more than 42,000 doctors in Government run hospitals; and

(e) the steps Government propose to take to meet the shortage and also improve health spending in India?

**Coastal Zone Management Plan for Navi Mumbai**

\*374. SHRI MURLI DEORA:  
SHRI EKANATH K.  
THAKUR:

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

(a) whether the Coastal Zone Management Plan for Navi Mumbai was submitted to Central Government by the State Government of Maharashtra as early as November, 1990;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for delay in clearing the plan; and

(d) the stage at which the matter stands and by when it is likely to be approved?

**Rail projects in Tripura**

\*375. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the plan of Government to link all the capital cities of the north-eastern States with New Delhi by railways;

(b) the decision of Government to sanction railway line from Agartala to Subroom in Tripura; and

(c) by when the trains will be able to reach Agartala?

**Notifications for preventing constructions**

\*376. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the immediate cause of action leading to issue of notifications preventing construction of structures by the State Governments/other Agencies under the Preservation of Environment and prevention of environmental pollution;

(b) whether it is true that a number of State Governments have strongly objected this kind of move requesting to annul it; and

(c) whether it is also true that the Notification in question has been stayed by the Court of Law and the said notification has no retrospective effect?

**National Surveillance Programme of Communicable Diseases**

\*377. SHRI M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) to what extent the National Surveillance Programme of Communicable Diseases has been effective not only in controlling and preventing communicable diseases but also in helping to forecast the outbreak of epidemics;

(b) the details with reference to some specific instances, State-wise;

(c) whether the World Bank has extended its support to this programme in terms of financial aid and technical and professional expertise; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **National Workshop on Coastal Regulation Zone**

\*378. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a National Workshop on Coastal Regulation Zone has recommended enhanced autonomy and resources to the Coastal States for effective management of coastal environmental resources;

(b) if so, the details of salient issues discussed in the meet to improve the economy of the coastal population and ensure their healthy life with human dignity; and

(c) the action plan of Government to achieve the above objective?

#### **Ban on Phenformin**

\*379. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the anti-diabetic drug "Phenformin" was banned in the United States in 1971;

(b) whether this drug is continued to be manufactured and sold in India; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the names of the companies manufacturing this product in the country?

#### **Construction of Mangalore Fishing Harbour**

\*380. DR. VIJAY MALLYA:  
SHRIMATI PREMA  
CARIAPPA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Karnataka Government had in respect of the construction of Mangalore Fishing Harbour II<sup>nd</sup> stage, submitted a revised estimate of Rs. 144.667 lakhs for approval;

(b) whether a balance of Rs. 42.333 lakhs towards the Central share has not been released yet; and

(c) if so, by when the approval of the Central Government on the revised estimate and release of funds are likely to be expected?

NEW DELHI;  
*The 14th August, 2004*  
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YOGENDRA NARAIN,  
*Secretary-General.*

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