

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Wednesday, the November 20, 2002/Kartika 29, 1924 (Saka)*

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

**Total number of questions—20**

#### **Rehabilitation camps in Gujarat**

\*21. DR. ABRAR AHMED:  
SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the families living in various rehabilitation camps in Gujarat after Godhra incident have since gone back to their native homes; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Stationing NSG's at all State capitals**

\*22. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:  
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several people died in terrorist attack on Akshardham Temple in Gujarat recently (September, 2002);

(b) the time taken by NSG commandos to reach Ahmedabad from Delhi and start the operation; and

(c) whether Government propose to station NSGs at all State capitals to tackle such terrorists' attacks without wasting time in flight for their movements from Delhi?

#### **Stagnation of underground mining**

\*23. SHRI GAYA SINGH:  
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the underground mining of coal has stagnated over a decade resulting in increase in coal imports;

(b) if so, the details of the production from underground coal mines in the country during the last ten years and imports of coal during those years; and

(c) whether Government have plans to increase production of coal from underground mines; if so, the details thereof?

#### **Drinking water projects in Orissa**

\*24. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of projects taken up in Orissa under Rajiv Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission;

(b) the present status of work on the projects; and

(c) the fresh steps taken by Government for early completion of the projects?

**Joint Indo-Russian probe into failure of R.25 engines of MIG-21**

\*25. SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH:  
SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Russian experts have joined the probe into the failure of the R.25 engines of the MIG-21 alongwith technical experts from the Indian Air Force and Hindustan Aeronautics Limited;

(b) if so, whether a senior Russian official has indicated that the sub-standard spare parts was one of the reasons for the high number of MIG-21 crashes in India in recent years;

(c) if so, whether any inquiry has been conducted by both Indian and Russian Governments about the defective parts supplied to India; and

(d) if so, what is the outcome of these inquiries?

**Employment for educated unemployed youth in Assam**

\*26. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of steps taken by Government to provide and create employment opportunities for educated unemployed youths in the rural areas of Assam during the last three years;

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

(c) the achievements of Government in this regard; and

(d) the financial allocation proposed to be made by Government for this purpose during the Tenth Five Year Plan?

**Re-deployment of troops from International Border**

\*27. SHRI C. O. POULOSE:  
SHRI HARENDRA SINGH MALIK:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what were the objectives for the deployment of troops on the International Border;

(b) whether the deployment of troops achieved its objectives;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government's decision to re-deploy the troops from International Border indicate the improvement in the situation which necessitated the deployment of the troops?

**Collapse of Western Grid**

\*28. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the wake of the collapse of the Western Grid on 30th July, 2002, the Union Government had called a meeting of State Chief Ministers on 5th August, 2002;

(b) if so, what were the main points discussed;

(c) whether any probe was ordered on the grid failure;

(d) if so, what was the outcome of the probe; and

(e) what are the steps being taken to see that such grid failure does not take place again?

#### **Winding up of NTC mills**

\*29. SHRI V. V. RAGHAVAN:  
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to wind up 39 NTC mills by December this year;

(b) if so, the names of these mills and the number of employees employed therein; and

(c) the details of the wage arrears and other statutory dues to the employees and the steps being taken for clearing the dues and also for the payment of VRS compensation to the employees?

#### **Meeting of MSEB, NTPC and GE Capital on Dabhol Power Project**

\*30. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had convened a meeting of Maharashtra State Electricity Board, National Thermal Power Corporation and GE Capital, a promoter of the Dabhol Power Project, on 25th September, 2002;

(b) if so, what was the main purpose of this meeting;

(c) what were the decisions taken;

(d) whether Government had offered a package of interest and duty concessions to reduce Dabhol plant's capacity costs and fuel charges to the Maharashtra Government;

(e) if so, the concrete steps which have been taken; and

(f) the States to whom the power would be supplied from Dabhol Power Plant?

#### **Ceasefire with NSCN (IM)**

\*31. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN:  
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the successes achieved and difficulties faced by the Government through the ceasefire with NSCN(IM);

(b) what is the present policy to contain insurgencies in North Eastern States; and

(c) whether Government have decided to allow Assam Government to pursue Bodo militants in the territory of Bhutan?

#### **Investment in NALCO**

†\*32. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:  
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NALCO is a public sector industrial institution;

(b) if so, the date of its establishment and the total capital investment made in this company upto March, 2002; and

(c) the amount received as dividend by the Government upto March, 2002 from this company?

#### **Safety in Mining Industry**

\*33. DR. KARAN SINGH:  
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any

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proposal to introduce new safety measures in mining industry; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Dialogue with cross-sections of society in J&K**

\*34. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the results of recent Jammu and Kashmir polls Government propose to enter into purposeful dialogue with cross-sections of the society and organisations like Hurriyat so that a peaceful atmosphere is created and sustained for a long term settlement within the Indian Constitution; and

(b) if so, what are the plans therefor?

**Central assistance to control crimes in NCR**

\*35. SHRI R. P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the States of the National Capital Region (NCR) have recently sought Central assistance to launch a joint operation to eliminate hardcore criminal gangs operating in the region especially in Western Uttar Pradesh and Haryana;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal and the action taken thereon; and

(c) the details and the present status of the proposal for creation of an NCR Police Force mooted several years ago?

**Attack on Swaminarayan Temple**

\*36. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:  
DR. DASARI NARAYANA  
RAO:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a dastardly attack took place in the Swaminarayan Temple in Gujarat in the month of September, 2002 leading to heavy casualties;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the probe into the attack has since been conducted and concluded;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any contingency plan has been drawn up to ensure safety of the citizens in temples and other religious places and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the compensation paid to each dependent of deceased and those injured?

**Subsidy to States for modernisation of power plants**

†\*37. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to provide subsidy to the States for the modernisation of power plants;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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

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**Implementation of Satyam Committee Report**

\*38. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA  
RAO:

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to a study conducted by CII, even three years after submitting the Satyam Committee Report on turnaround of the ailing textile sector, Government have not been able to implement as many as 88 important recommendations;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether this has adversely affected the textile sector;

(d) if so, whether Government is now considering to implement them; and

(e) if so, by when all these recommendations will be implemented?

**Bribes in recruitment in the Army**

†\*39. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Rupye lekar sena mein bharti karaane ke

dhande ka bhandafod" which appeared in the Rashtriya Sahara dated 23rd September, 2002;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(c) the number of cases of recruitments in Army by taking bribe during the last three years;

(d) whether Government have conducted any re-examination of the persons recruited to prevent recruitment of aliens and foreigners in the Army; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Funds allocated under PMGSY to Himachal Pradesh**

\*40. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount sanctioned and approved for Himachal Pradesh by the Central Government under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana during the financial year 2002-2003 together with the names of the roads and the amount sanctioned for each road;

(b) whether the construction of already sanctioned roads has since been started, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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*Kartika 23, 1924 (Saka)*

YOGENDRA NARAIN,  
*Secretary-General.*

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