

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Friday, the December 20, 2002/Agrahayana 29, 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

CII's suggestions on drought

*441. SHRI RUMANDLA
RAAMACHANDRAYYA:
SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Confederation of Indian
Industry (CII) has suggested a series of short
and long term measures, to help the States
cope up with drought in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the response of Government on these
suggestions?

Johannesburg Summit on biodiversity sharing

*442. MISS MABEL REBELLO:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

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

(a) whether India participated in the
Summit on biodiversity sharing and water,
sanitation access, held in Johannesburg;

(b) if so, the plans formulated on the
subject in the Summit; and

(c) the issues which the Indian delegation
managed to press?

Ecological havoc in Aravali Hills

*443. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTA-
CHARJEE: Will the Minister of
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be
pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has
been drawn to the newsreport captioned,
'Ecological havoc in Aravali Hills', published
in The Times of India, dated the
1st November, 2002;

(b) whether Government have drawn up
any plan to stem the rapid exploitation of
the Aravali Hills, to meet the growing urban
requirements; and

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

Uniform staffing pattern in Central Universities

*444. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN: Will
the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the UGC has
set up a Committee to consider uniform

staffing pattern, conditions of service for the employees of Central Universities;

(b) if so, whether that Committee has completed its task and submitted its recommendations; and

(c) if so, the gist of the recommendations and Government's reaction thereto?

Environment protection awareness

†*445. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Environment and Forests are preparing some action plan to encourage environment protection awareness in the States, that are sensitive from environment point of view;

(b) whether there is a proposal to include forest and environment promotion in the school courses in such States; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Central Universities in Rajasthan and Orissa

†*446. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the present number of Central universities in the country, State-wise;

(b) the norms prescribed for granting Central University status to a university;

(c) whether it is a fact that there is no Central University in States, like Rajasthan and Orissa; and

(d) if so, the reasons for the same?

KVKs in States

*447. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY:

SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the objectives and guidelines for establishment of Krishi Vigyan Kendras in States;

(b) the number of such Centres established so far, State-wise;

(c) whether proposals have been received for establishment of such Centres in the newly created States and districts; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

Rakes for animal fodder

*448. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh has requested the South Central Railway to provide more rakes for transportation of animal fodder to drought affected areas in the State, free of cost; and

(b) if so, Government's response to the request?

Memorandum from tribal organisation regarding rehabilitation

†*449. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRI MAN MOHAN SAMAL:

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

(a) whether his Ministry had written to Chief Secretaries, Forest Secretaries and

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Chief Forest Officers of all States on 3rd May, 2002, to evict the encroachers on forest land;

(b) if so, whether these orders cover the tribals of Orissa also; if so, the areas to be affected by these orders in the State;

(c) whether the Ministry has received any memorandum from the tribal organisations, in this regard;

(d) the steps taken by Government for rehabilitation of tribals and to sort out their problems; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

R&D potential in pharmaceutical sector

*450. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has the potential for becoming a global R&D hub in the pharmaceutical sector; and

(b) if so, the potential areas in which India can become a global hub?

NAIS benefits to A.P.

*451. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have launched National Agricultural Insurance Scheme for farmers in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of farmers in Andhra Pradesh, benefited from the above scheme, during the last two years, district-wise?

Rail network in NER

*452. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to expand rail network in different parts of NER;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of steps taken by Government so far in this regard?

Promotion of Co-operative sector

†*453. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Co-operative sector has a crucial role in country's development;

(b) if so, in which economic areas is the Co-operative sector playing a leading role; and

(c) the plans Government have to promote the Co-operative sector?

Decline in scientific research

*454. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA:
SHRI R. KAMARAJ:

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

(a) whether scientific research in India declined in quality and quantity and India slipped from 8th position in 1980 to 15th by 2000, in terms of research papers, *i.e.* from 16,000 papers, those number declined to 12,000, as per International Science Citation Index; if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) the details of financial allocations for research;

(c) whether it is a fact that such research papers increased from 924 to 22,000 in

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China, 175 to 12,000 in Korea, during that period;

(d) whether, despite investments in Mathematics, Chemistry and Biology, the country has not produced any Fellow of Royal Society or Nobel laureate; and

(e) the measures taken to improve scientific research?

NCERT text books

*455. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that some States have decided not to teach NCERT's new text books and not to follow the syllabus based thereon;

(b) if so, how the students in places like Delhi, which do not have exclusive School Examination Boards except the CBSE, will answer question papers set by the CBSE, which would be based on NCERT's syllabus; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take so that such students do not suffer in such circumstances?

Telecom network for Rail users

*456. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways propose to create a national telecom and multimedia network to provide a platform for communications revolution especially in rural areas;

(b) whether the Railways also plan to provide kiosks and STD/ISD booths on railway platforms;

(c) whether there is any proposal to provide mobile telephone facilities in trains also; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

UGC grants to universities

*457. DR. P. C. ALEXANDER: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of grants given by University Grants Commission to Central universities and their affiliated colleges for Plan and non-Plan expenditure, for the year 2001-2002 and the corresponding figures of grants given to all the universities in Maharashtra and the colleges affiliated to these universities, during this period; and

(b) whether Government would direct the UGC to adopt a more equitable formula for grants to all universities, whether Central or State, taking into account the fact that the State universities are starved of funds because of serious financial crisis experienced by State Governments?

Speed of Howrah-Delhi Rajdhani

†*458. SHRI DEVDAS APTE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any instructions have been issued by the Ministry of Railways, to slow down the speed of Howrah-Delhi Rajdhani Express, between Dhanbad and Mughalsarai; and

(b) if so, whether the Ministry has announced its information?

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Air pollution

*459. SHRI R. SHUNMUGA-SUNDARAM: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that pollution level in the air in our country went up by 50 per cent in the last decade, as found by the Department of Space, Thiruvananthapuram, which has been monitoring the aerosol levels; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to bring down the pollution level in air in the country?

PSU/Private Sector fertilizer units

†*460. SHRIMATI JAMANA DEVI BARUPAL: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of fertilizer producing units in India, both in the public sector and private sectors, giving the State-wise details thereof;

(b) the impact of liberalisation policy of Government on the Indian fertilizer industry; and

(c) the efforts being made by Government to save the Indian fertilizer industry?

NEW DELHI;

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YOGENDRA NARAIN,

Secretary-General.

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