

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Monday, the December 20, 2004/Agrahayana 29, 1926 (Saka)*

(Ministries: Commerce and Industry; Culture; Development of North-Eastern Region; Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises; Human Resource Development; Information and Broadcasting; Law and Justice; Parliamentary Affairs; Social Justice and Empowerment; Tribal Affairs; Urban Development; Urban Employment and Poverty Alleviation)

Total number of questions — 20

Undesirable channels on DTH Television

*261. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that it has become possible for the DTH Television users to view certain undesirable channels using certain types of Smart Cards;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how this misuse of the system is proposed to be curtailed?

Oppression of downtrodden

†*262. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the incidents of oppressions of downtrodden taking place in the present time;

(b) if so, whether Government are formulating any action plan to check such incidents;

(c) whether Government propose to constitute any monitoring agency in this regard;

(d) if so, details thereof; and

(e) if not, the effective measures being taken by Government?

Reservation to SCs/STs and Physically Handicapped

*263. SHRIGANDHIAZAD: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the “All India Association for SCs/STs and Physically Handicapped Peoples Upliftment” has recently brought to the notice of PMO the facts about reservation to SCs/STs and Physically Handicapped as per provision made in 1974 for N.G.Os;

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

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(c) if no action has been taken so far, the reasons therefor and by when, the action will be taken on 1974 provision?

Special package to boost exports

*264. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:

DR. T. SUBBARAMIREDDY:

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

(a) whether Government propose special packages for boosting exports in the textiles, tea and coffee industries as a follow-up to the Foreign Trade Policy;

(b) if so, whether Government have felt a need for special emphasis on some sectors in which the country had natural abilities;

(c) if so, the details of the packages prepared in regard to tea and coffee; and

(d) by when these are likely to be announced and implemented?

Economic Cooperation with Pakistan

*265. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have proposed to implement the "Early Harvest Scheme (EHS)" for economic cooperation with Pakistan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether representatives of both the countries have recently met to discuss the possibilities of economic cooperation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Recognition to small and regional political parties

†*266. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a discussion has been held recently to reconsider recognition of the small and regional political parties and to take an initiative to control regionalism;

(b) if so, whether the Election Commission has suggested that it is necessary to think over the recognition of the political parties; and

(c) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

Delivery of degrees to students of Delhi University

*267. SHRI AMAR SINGH: SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that several lakh students, who have passed out from Delhi University during the last ten years, have not been able to get their degrees from the Delhi University because of cumbersome rules adopted by the University;

(b) if so, the number of degrees still lying in the University;

(c) whether any efforts were made to send those degrees to the students by post and if so, with what result; and

(d) the steps being taken for the early delivery of degree to the students?

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Explosives in imported metal scrap

@*268. SHRI LALIT SURI:
SHRIRAMA MUNIREDDY
SIRIGIREDDY:

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

(a) the countries from where metal scrap was allowed to be imported during 2004;

(b) whether the imported metal scrap contained explosive war-heads both used and live that caused loss of life and property as live war-heads exploded at various places in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken/proposed to be taken to ensure that such dangerous imports are banned?

Agreement with Gulf Cooperation Council

*269. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) have signed a framework agreement on economic cooperation to give fillip to the existing commercial and economic ties between the two countries;

(b) if so, whether his Ministry and the Foreign Minister of Kuwait, who is the Chairman of the GCC, signed an agreement in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) to what extent India and Gulf Cooperation Council have started implementing this agreement?

Comprehensive action plan for urban housing

*270. SHRISANJAY RAUT:
SHRI AJAY SINGH
CHAUTALA:

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

(a) whether Government are considering to formulate a comprehensive action plan to solve housing problems faced by the urban poor and also those living in the slums; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when it would be implemented?

New Trade Policy

*271. SHRI AJAY SINGH
CHAUTALA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently declared the New Trade Policy;

(b) if so, whether farm sector has been covered therein;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the sectors identified for employment generation and export promotion;

(e) whether Government have proposed any new incentives for export oriented units to boost the exports in 2005-06 and 2006-07; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Modernization of DD centres

†*272. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI:
Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken by Government

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for development/modernization of Doordarshan centres;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the steps to be taken in this regard in Bihar during the Tenth Five Year Plan period?

(c) whether Government have received any suggestions from Members of Parliament in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken thereon so far?

Functioning of Counselling and De-addiction Centres

*273. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Counselling Centres and De-addiction Centres for alcoholics, State-wise;

(b) whether the addiction cases are on the increase;

(c) the mechanism involved to review the performance of these centres;

(d) whether there is any R&D on problems of alcoholics; and

(e) the background for the policy initiative to go for Counselling Centres rather than De-addiction Centres?

I.C.D.S. project-III

†*274. SHRI BHAGWATI SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Government's plan to continue operation of World Bank funded I.C.D. S.-III project in Uttar Pradesh even after June 30, 2004 along with the other I.C.D.S. projects;

(b) Government's policy to absorb the personnel working under I.C.D.S.-III project in the other projects;

Discretionary Quota of Members for admissions in Kendriya Vidyalayas

†*275. SHRI SURESH BHARDWAJ: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that students have to face a lot of difficulties in getting admission in Kendriya Vidyalayas all over the country;

(b) whether Government propose to increase the discretionary quota for Members of Parliament from 2 to 4 students; and

(c) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

Programmes to reduce poverty

†*276. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during the Tenth Plan period a number of programmes are being implemented to reduce proportion of poverty by 2007;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) to what extent the reduction of proportion of poverty is targeted during this period and the targets achieved so far?

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Education after middle standard

†*277. SHRIRAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER
SINGHMAJITHA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be
pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that after passing
out the 8th standard, every student is facing
difficulty in getting further education due
to shortage of schools in the country;

(b) the average number of children
passing out 8th standard;

(c) the number of schools upto 12th
standard as on March, 2004; and

(d) the extent of their capacity for
admission?

Demand of Engineers in Gulf

*278. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:
Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be
pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian
Engineers are in great demand in Gulf
countries due to construction boom on
account of robust oil prices;

(b) if so, what would be the impact of
exodus of Indian engineers on the country's
economy and development; and

(c) the steps being taken to safeguard
the national interest due to talent exodus?

Change in Patent Law

*279. DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA A.
HEPTULLA: Will the Minister of
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be
pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are
considering to make changes in the present
Indian patent regime to make it compatible
with TRIPS Agreement; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and how
Government are planning to protect Indian
interests in WTO?

**Financial support to widows and
divorcees from Wakf Board**

*280. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR:
Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE
AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to
state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court had
directed that Wakf Boards should offer
financial support to women from minority
community in distress, especially widows
and divorcees;

(b) whether the National Commission
for Women has taken up the matter with
Wakf Boards and the National Commission
for Minorities; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

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YOGENDRA NARAIN,
Secretary-General.

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