

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Monday, the July 21, 2003/Asadha 30, 1925 (Saka)*

(Ministries: Commerce and Industry; Health and Family Welfare; Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises; Information and Broadcasting; Law and Justice; Parliamentary Affairs; Shipping; Social Justice and Empowerment; Tribal Affairs; Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation)

Total number of questions—20

Funds provided to NGOs under welfare schemes

*1. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a large number of complaints about the way same NGOs got money under different kind of welfare schemes which are not producing good results; and

(b) if so, Government's response thereto and the steps taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

Sex determination tests

*2. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to Government's knowledge that despite the enactment of the stringent laws banning the use of sex determination tests including the use of pre-conception technologies, there is open advertisement occasionally in various magazines inviting the eligible couples to choose the sex of their unborn child;

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken

to tackle such flagrant violation of legal provisions?

Expansion of health care in Orissa

*3. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Orissa Government has submitted a proposal of Rs. 502 crores for expansion of health care;

(b) if so, the details of the project;

(c) whether the State Government has also taken up the issue of establishment of a super special hospital on the lines of All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi; and

(d) if so, the status of the project?

Commitment for free-to-air channels

*4. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given any commitment to provide 70 free-to-air channels in 72 rupees under the CAS regime; and

(b) if so, the channels falling under this category and the basis of this assessment?

Trade agreement with China

*5. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of trade agreement between India and China signed during the Prime Minister's recent visit to China;

(b) the level of trade between the two countries specifying the quantities and values of the commodities exported to and imported from China before the signing of the agreement; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to achieve the targets now set in the new agreement?

Export of mackerel shoals

*6. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to take any action for exporting huge mackerel shoals found off East-coast in the Bay of Bengal; and

(b) the incentives proposed to be given to the fishermen for this purpose?

Setting up of Fast Track Courts

*7. SHRI N.R. DASARI:
SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the progress of implementation of the scheme for setting up of Fast Track Courts (FTCs) launched for speedy disposal of the cases has been very slow;

(b) if so, when was the scheme launched and the number of such courts set up so far, State-wise; and

(c) the number of cases disposed off through these courts?

Population stabilisation

*8. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:
DR. ABRAR AHMED:

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

(a) whether the National Commission on Population has suggested restructurising the policies and programmes relating to population stabilisation in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

New Rohini Residential Scheme

*9. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOOT: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that DDA has launched a new Rohini Residential Scheme;

(b) the reasons for launching such a scheme when all the registrants for the original 1982 Rohini Scheme have not been allotted the residential plots, so far;

(c) the number of registrants who are awaiting allotment of a plot in different categories; and

(d) by when they are likely to get a plot?

Foreign technology collaborations

*10. SHRIMATI SHABANA AZMI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether in a bid to promote foreign technology collaborations, the Centre has liberalized the policy with regard to foreign technology agreements further;

(b) if so, the main norms that have been liberalized;

(c) to what extent it would be helpful; and

(d) to what extent companies would be allowed to pay royalty payment to their foreign partners?

Treatment for Angioplasty and CABG in Government recognised hospitals

*11. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3151 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 21st April, 2003 and state:

(a) the number of days for which a CGHS beneficiary can obtain treatment for undergoing Angioplasty and CABG (Open Heart Surgery) on admission to a Government recognised hospital; and

(b) the position with regard to the conditions/restrictions imposed for such treatment and entitlement for room rent, medicines, doctors visit, etc. which a CGHS beneficiary could obtain for further treatment in such cases in 1999, giving details thereof?

Import of Set Top boxes

*12. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the permission to import Set Top boxes after drastic cut in import duty would not only result in dumping of cheap and poor quality Set Top boxes but it would also adversely affect indigenous manufacturers who can not compete in short term; and

(b) the remedial measures Government propose to take in this regard?

Restrictions on Indian goods

†*13. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH
'LALAN':

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

(a) whether it is a fact that import of a number of Indian goods is still restricted in various manners in several member countries of the World Trade Organisation;

(b) if so, the names of such countries togetherwith the Indian goods restricted for import in these countries; and

(c) the value of the exports made from India to each of these countries during the years 2000-01, 2001-02 and 2002-03?

Censor Board for advertisements and serials

*14. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Commission for Women has recommended setting up of a separate Censor Board for advertisements and serials telecast by different channels on television network; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Anti AIDS drug by Ranbaxy

†*15. SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the drugs manufactured in India recognised by the World Health Organisation;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) whether it is a fact that the World Health Organisation has recognised anti AIDS drug manufactured by Ranbaxy;

(c) if so, by which name it has been recognised and at which number the World Health Organisation has listed it as an anti AIDS drug;

(d) whether any recognised company other than Ranbaxy has manufactured anti AIDS drug; and

(e) if so, whether that company has also applied for recognition from the World Health Organisation?

Circulation and sale of newspapers

*16. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether circulation and sale of newspapers are up in the country during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the share of advertising revenue?

Family planning operations

*17. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons who underwent family planning operations in 2001, 2002 and 2003 till date;

(b) the reasons for decline every year; and

(c) the action proposed to boost the campaign for family planning to control population?

Tariff reduction formula on access for non-agricultural goods

*18. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Trade Organisation's (WTO) negotiating group on market access for non-agricultural goods has included a tariff reduction formula suggested by India in its revised note on formula approaches;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) in what way India's tariff reduction formula is different from the earlier one?

Demolition of cell phone towers in Delhi

*19. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received representation from the NDMC seeking the opinion on demolishing 12 cell phone towers in Delhi, which were declared unsafe;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the expected impact on the cell phone companies, which are using the towers for their business purpose?

Increase in various charges in AIIMS

*20. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the charges for various texts, medicines and other services have been increased substantially in the AIIMS;

(b) if so, the reasons there for;

(c) the details of the grant given to AIIMS for research, medical facilities, salaries etc.;

(d) the details of the grant spent on the said purposes; and

(e) whether there is a proposal to establish more institutions like AIIMS in different parts of the country to meet requirements of the patients all over the country?

NEW DELHI;
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YOGENDRA NARAIN,
Secretary-General.

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