

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Wednesday, the July 21, 2004/Asadha 30, 1926 (Saka)*

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

**Total number of questions—20**

#### **Effect of revision of prices of coking and non-coking coal**

\*221. SHRIMATI JAMANA DEVI  
BARUPAL:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

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

(a) whether Coal India Ltd. has  
announced revision of prices of all  
categories/grades of coking and non-coking  
coal on an average by 16.7 per cent on the  
existing pit-head prices;

(b) if so, whether these revised prices  
have been effected from middle of June  
onwards;

(c) if so, to what extent additional  
revenue will be earned by this decision;

(d) to what extent this increase of coal  
prices will have an impact on thermal  
power generation and steel making; and

(e) whether coal price hike has affected  
other essential consumer goods?

#### **Funds allotted under rural development schemes**

\*222. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN:  
Will the Minister of RURAL  
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether funds are allotted to the  
States for various rural development  
schemes; and

(b) if so, the details thereof including  
the funds allotted and utilised by various  
States under various schemes for rural  
development for the last three years,  
State-wise?

#### **Allocation of power to Rajasthan from Hydel Power Projects with Punjab**

†\*223. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will  
the Minister of POWER be pleased to  
state:

(a) whether the Central Electricity  
Authority/Central Water Commission has  
prepared a background paper making a  
provision for special allocation for  
Rajasthan in addition to its share of Hydel  
Power Projects with Punjab;

(b) if so, the comments forwarded to  
the concerned States in this regard;

(c) the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

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**Infrastructural facilities for development of sports and youth affairs**

†\*224. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up some new stadia and physical training centres for the development of sports and youth affairs in the country particularly in the rural areas;

(b) if so, the amount allocated by Government during the last three years to implement the plan formulated by Government and the details of the amount utilised out of the above allocation; and

(c) State-wise/district-wise number of rural youth in the country benefited from the above plan?

**Progress under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana**

†\*225. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of the total amount spent so far under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana;

(b) the length of roads constructed so far; and

(c) the number of villages connected with roads so far?

**Performance of India in the international sports events**

\*226. SHRI C. PERUMAL:  
SHRI DARA SINGH:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the performance of our

country in the international sports events has not been upto the mark compared to that of other developing countries;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the remedial steps taken to rectify the situation?

**Floods in Assam**

\*227. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware about the latest situation of floods in Assam;

(b) whether Government propose to take some effective measures to control floods in Assam which is a regular feature particularly in Barak Valley; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Creation of a revolving fund for weavers**

\*228. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the weavers of Andhra Pradesh have requested for creation of a revolving fund of Rs. 100 crores and another Rs. 25 crores for maintaining inventory on yarn etc.; and

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

**Vacant posts in Nehru Yuva Kendras**

†\*229. SHRI BALAWANT ALIAS BALAPTE: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of vacant posts of

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District Youth Co-ordinator in Nehru Yuva Kendras at present;

(b) the reasons for not filling up these posts; and

(c) the alternative provisions made in such districts?

#### **Crashes of MIG aircrafts**

\*230. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of crashes of MIG aircrafts of Indian Air Force that have occurred during 2003 and so far during 2004;

(b) the number of civilian lives lost, the number of those seriously injured and the extent of damage to civilian property caused in each case;

(c) whether compensation to civilians in all cases has been made; if not, the reasons for delay;

(d) the rate of compensation payable in various contingencies, separately; and

(e) when and on what basis the rates of compensation were in various situations, fixed and when they are due for revision?

#### **SC and ST (Prevention of Atrocities) (Karnataka Amendment) Bill, 2002**

\*231. SHRI K. B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) (Karnataka Amendment) Bill, 2002 has been sent by the Governor of Karnataka for Presidential assent;

(b) if so, when was it sent; and

(c) what is the present position?

#### **Acquisition of land from farmers for defence use in border towns of Jammu & Kashmir**

\*232. SHRI T. S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have acquired lands from farmers in the border towns of Kathua, Hira Nagar, Samba, Vijaipur, R. S. Pura, Bishna and Akhnoor in Jammu and Kashmir for laying mines;

(b) whether Government are aware that in Tehsil R. S. Pura in Jammu, some 4000 kanals of land are under mines, but, farmers have not been paid any compensation so far; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government to pay compensation to farmers who have lost their lands and depend solely on the compensation?

#### **Cultivable land**

\*233. SHRI R. K. ANAND: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that only 181 million hectares of land is cultivable out of the total geographical area (320 million hectares);

(b) if so, the reasons for cultivating less land together with details thereof; and

(c) the quantum of uncultivated land that has been converted into cultivable land in the last five years and how much expenditure has been incurred thereon?

**Potential for textile exports after dismantling of Multi-Fibre Agreement**

\*234. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Multi-Fibre Agreement is shortly going to be dismantled leading to end of quota regime;

(b) whether Government are aware that with the termination of the MFA, a vast potential export market for our handloom, powerloom and mill-made fabrics will open up *w.e.f.* 1.1.2005; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to boost our textile sector to attain new heights in the post Multi-Fibre era?

**Allocation of funds for rural development**

\*235. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to decentralise spending on rural development by transferring funds to district and local Governments;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of the funds allocated and spent during the last five years on rural development, year-wise and State-wise?

**Land in Himachal Pradesh offered to the army for setting up units/ establishments**

†\*236. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Himachal Pradesh has offered 790 acres of land in Una to the army for setting up of their units and establishments which has been accepted by the army and the Ministry has given orders to the Officers Board to ascertain its feasibility;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether this matter is being examined; and

(c) if so, by when the army will finally acquire the said land for setting up of their units and establishments?

**Liberalised pension to war widows**

\*237. SHRIMATI N. P. DURGA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the proposal to grant liberalised pension to war widows is still pending even after two years; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

**States affected by Maoist violence**

†\*238. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the Indian States getting affected due to the outbreak of Maoist violence in Nepal and the names of the districts affected by Maoist violence prevailing in these States;

(b) whether Government of India are providing any special help in order to tackle this situation prevailing in the said States; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

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**Construction of roads under PMGSY**

†\*239. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:  
Will the Minister of RURAL  
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether an assessment of the total length of roads needed to be constructed in rural areas of the country has been made by the Government under the "Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana";

(b) the total length of roads, the construction work of which was completed till the end of March, 2004 under this Yojana; and

(c) the length of roads at which construction work is in progress?

**T & D losses**

\*240. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA  
SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of  
POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the national average of transmission losses; and

(b) the measures taken to curtail losses during transmission and distribution in order to make the State Electricity Boards commercially viable?

NEW DELHI;  
*The 15th July, 2004*  
*Asadha 24, 1926 (Saka)*

YOGENDRA NARAIN,  
*Secretary-General.*

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