

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 21, 2001/Kartika 30, 1923 (Saka)*

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

Total number of questions—20

Law and order situation in Delhi

*41. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:
SHRI BHAGATRAM
MANHAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that law and order
situation has deteriorated during the last
six months in the National Capital Territory
of Delhi (NCT);

(b) if so, the details of cases pertaining
to theft, robbery, extortion, rape etc.
reported; and

(c) what action Government have taken
to control the law and order situation in
NCT of Delhi?

Afghan citizens living in the country

*42. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN:
SHRI SOLIPETA RAMA-
CHANDRA REDDY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Afghan citizens
living in the country;

(b) whether all Afghan individuals are
registered, if not, the number of such

Afghans who are not registered and since
when they are living in India; and

(c) the action being taken by Union
Government to push out such unregistered
Afghans from India?

Terror Unleashed by militant outfits in J&K

*43. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT
RAO:
SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention
has been drawn to the recent reign of
terror unleashed by militant outfits in
Jammu and Kashmir to enforce their
dictates such as those requiring wearing
of veils (burqas) by Muslim women,
separate seats for males and females in
buses, wearing of bindis by Hindu
women and wearing of yellow dupattas
by Sikh women;

(b) if so, whether the militants throw
acid on the faces of women not observing
these dictates; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction
to this sort of cultural invasion and

fundamentalism perpetrated by the militants?

Holding a meeting of Chief Ministers of Punjab and Haryana

*44. SARDAR GURCHARAN SINGH TOHRA:
SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government propose to hold a meeting with Punjab and Haryana Chief Ministers to sort out the issues of Chandigarh and other related matters in near future; and

(b) if so, by when?

Identification of affected areas of Andhra Pradesh for implementation of DPAP

*45. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO:
Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the drought prone districts and blocks in Andhra Pradesh have been identified for implementation of Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the present status of DPAP in these areas of the State?

Breach of Supreme Court order at Ayodhya

*46. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:
SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the top VHP leaders had breached the Supreme

Court order and entered the disputed site at Ayodhya;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the security agency responsible for the maintenance of the *status quo* at the disputed site as per the Court order;

(d) whether any responsibility has been fixed as the incident had potential to adversely affect communal harmony in the country;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the action proposed to be taken by Government to stop such incidents in future?

Encouraging private sector in defence research and development

*47. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN:
Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Research and Development efforts in Defence armament and equipment are adequate to meet our growing needs in the present scenario and whether we are dependent upon foreign sources for sensitive equipment thus spending our scarce foreign exchange; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to encourage synthesis of efforts of private sector and universities with regard to undertaking defence research and ultimate production of defence equipment using latest technological developments, so that over a period of time India becomes self-reliant in this sector?

Denial of visa to Sikh evacuees from Afghanistan

*48. SHRI KARTAR SINGH DUGGAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Sikh evacuees from Afghanistan languishing in Pakistan refugee camps are being denied visa to enter India; and

(b) how many applications have been received in this regard and what is the hitch in doing the needful?

Villages in Madhya Pradesh not connected with all-weather roads

*49. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the district-wise and panchayat-wise number of villages in Madhya Pradesh which have not been connected with all weather roads;

(b) whether it is a fact that Central Government have formulated a national rural roads linkage scheme; and

(c) if so, what measures Central Government propose to take in next two years under this scheme to connect all the villages in Madhya Pradesh with metalled roads?

Amount to be recovered by CIL from power producing units

†*50. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the power

producing units of the country owe huge amount to the Coal India Limited;

(b) if so, the amount to be recovered by the Coal India Limited from the power producing units upto 31st March, 2001, togetherwith the names of such units;

(c) the disputed amount out of the total amount to be recovered; and

(d) the basis of this dispute?

Setting up of Human Rights Courts in States

*51. SHRI RANGANATH MISRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many States have set up "Human Rights" courts as provided in Section 30 of the Protection of Human Rights Act; and

(b) whether it would not be both convenient and expeditious if the said courts are vested with civil and criminal jurisdiction to handle complaints of violation of human rights and claim of compensation, so that complete justice may be done?

Enhancing security after terrorist attack in J&K Assembly

*52. SHRI A. VIJAYA
RAGHAVAN:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA
RAO:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have enhanced the security after the terrorist attack on Jammu and Kashmir Assembly;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total number of arrests taken place after this incident;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(d) what steps Government have taken to avoid recurrence of such incidents in the State;

(e) whether Government have started any political process in recent past to ensure peace in the Kashmir valley; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Death of main accused of Bofors scam

*53. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the main accused in the fifteen years old Bofors scam investigation case are no longer alive;

(b) if so, who are the main accused in the case, who have died in between; and

(c) what is Government's decision on the question of proceeding with the case?

Problem of insurgency in North-East

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

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to news-item which appeared in the Hindustan Times on 4th October, 2001, captioned "Bangladesh Poll Results Worry Insurgency-Ridden North-East";

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

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to address the problem of insurgency in the

North-East as highlighted in the newspaper?

Demand for creation of new States

*55. SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH
LIBRA:
SARDAR GURCHARAN
SINGH TOHRA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the demands being raised for the creation of five new States, namely Telengana, Vidarbha, Harit Pradesh, Bundelkhand and Mithila;

(b) if so, whether Government have received representations from various Members of Parliament/Organisations in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Potentiality for the generation of hydro power in Himachal Pradesh, Uttaranchal and North-Eastern States

†*56. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to make joint efforts to tap the unlimited potential for the generation of hydro-power in Himachal Pradesh, Uttaranchal and North-Eastern States;

(b) whether these States have a potentiality of generating over 80,000 m.w. hydro power; and

(c) if so, the details of steps Government have taken to encourage these States?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Allocations under poverty alleviation schemes

*57. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMA-CHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise and scheme-wise allocations under various poverty alleviation schemes during 2000-2001;

(b) State-wise and Scheme-wise expenditure during 2000-2001; and

(c) the reasons shown by the States for not utilising the amount fully?

Launching of Food for Work programme in drought hit areas

*58. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the "Food for Work" programme has been launched in the drought hit areas in some States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any record of the implementation of the work and distribution of rice are being maintained in those areas; and

(d) what other steps are being taken for the implementation of Food for Work programme in those areas?

Meeting with State Governments on the issue of terrorism

*59. SHRI DINA NATH MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) when was the last high level meeting called by Home Ministry to discuss the issue of terrorism with the representatives of State Governments;

(b) the details thereof including the agenda of the meeting and also the names of the representatives of State Governments;

(c) what were the views expressed by each of the State Government on this issue;

(d) what was the consensus arrived at in the meeting; and

(e) what are the details of steps taken by State Governments in order to combat terrorism in their respective States?

Construction of a tunnel under Rohtang Pass

*60. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Hon'ble Prime Minister during his last visit to Manali-Lahaul in Himachal Pradesh announced the construction of a tunnel by the Defence Ministry under Rohtang Pass; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and what action has been taken in this regard?

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R. C. TRIPATHI,
Secretary-General.

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