

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Thursday, the November 21, 2002/Kartika 30, 1924 (Saka)*

(Ministries: Prime Minister; Agro and Rural Industries; Atomic Energy;  
Communications and Information Technology; Consumer Affairs,  
Food and Public Distribution; External Affairs; Labour;  
Parliamentary Affairs; Personnel, Public Grievances and  
Pensions; Planning; Road Transport and Highways;  
Small Scale Industries; Space; Statistics and  
Programme Implementation)

Total number of questions—20

#### Emission of radiation

\*41. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY:  
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Hindustan Times, dated the 14th October, 2002 under the caption 'Indian N-reactors emit more radiation: Report';

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that measures to contain emission of radiation in the country's nuclear reactors have not been adopted merely because it involves huge cost;

(d) if so, the estimated cost for upgradation of safety measures in the atomic plants; and

(e) what are the details of radiation related mishaps in the country during the last five years involving the nuclear plant workers and others?

#### National highways in Assam

\*42. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN:  
Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the action taken by his Ministry to repair and improve the National Highways of Assam which are badly damaged by flood and for other reasons;

(b) whether any amount has been released to Assam Government for this purpose; and

(c) if so, whether the utilisation has started?

#### Bangladesh's statement regarding withdrawal of water upstream by India

\*43. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bangladesh, in an indirect reference, has blamed India for degrading its vast areas and land and worsening poverty by withdrawal of water upstream; and

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

**American view over infiltration in  
Jammu & Kashmir**

†\*44. PROF. ALKA BALRAM  
KSHATRIYA:  
SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL  
AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ambassador of U.S.A. in India has accepted that infiltration of terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir has increased during the last two-three months and has severely reprimanded Pakistan for calling Jammu and Kashmir assembly elections a sham;

(b) if so, whether Government have asked for America's immediate intervention to stop the continued infiltration by Pakistan effectively; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Atrocities on Bangladeshi Hindus**

†\*45. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA:  
Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a team consisting of members of Senate/Congress was sent to Bangladesh by America to investigate the atrocities being committed on minorities (Hindus) there;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the efforts made by Government so far, to protect the Hindu community in Bangladesh; and

(d) the details thereof?

**Griha Kalyan Kendras**

\*46. SHRI RAMACHANDRA  
KHUNTIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Griha Kalyan Kendras

(GKK) being run by Government across the country alongwith number of employees working therein, Category-wise;

(b) whether Government propose to provide pensionary benefits to these employees;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Upgradation of State roads into  
national highways**

\*47. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have upgraded some State-run roads to national highways in the country during the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the funds spent thereon, project-wise and the progress of each project as on date;

(d) whether Government had received any specific request from Orissa for upgradation and development of some of their projects during Ninth Plan, which are still pending for consideration; and

(e) if so, the steps taken to consider those proposals during the Tenth Five Year Plan?

**Mobile telephone services by BSNL**

\*48. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the BSNL has launched Cellular Mobile Telephone services throughout the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the investment made, the subscribers registered and the projection made for the

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market share during the first year of its operation, Circle-wise?

**Long term foodgrains policy**

\*49. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the long term policy on food-grains submitted by Abhijit Sen Panel will open up huge business opportunity for the private sector;

(b) whether one of the recommendations was total decontrol of sugar and private grain storage and transport; and

(c) if so, how many of its recommendations have been considered and implemented?

**Visit by Minister of External Affairs to Malaysia**

\*50. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:  
Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he has visited Malaysia in September, 2002;

(b) if so, the matters discussed during the visit;

(c) whether extradition treaty between the two countries was discussed;

(d) if so, by when the treaty is likely to be finalised; and

(e) other details in this regard?

**US move to establish weapon and ammunition stores in Pakistan**

\*51. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA  
SEKAR REDDY:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been reported that India has expressed its concern over a move by the US to establish arms production units and weapon and ammunition stores in Pakistan;

(b) if so, whether this US move is aimed at augmenting the supplies of its forces in Pakistan engaged in the war against terrorism;

(c) whether India has raised its concerns time and again as it enhances Pakistan's offensive strike capability; and

(d) if so, what is the assurance India has got from US for using stores in Pakistan?

**Golden Quadrilateral National Highway Project**

\*52. SHRI B.J. PANDA:  
SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the "Golden Quadrilateral National Highway" project with present status of on-going projects;

(b) the details of highway projects connecting Srinagar to Kanyakumari and Silchar to Porbander and the time by when these would be completed;

(c) the details of projects passing through Orissa, Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Punjab; and

(d) whether Government have proposed certain incentives for timely completion or penalty for late completion? If so, the details thereof?

### **Rural industries in Himachal Pradesh**

†\*53. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of rural industries set-up in the villages of Himachal Pradesh by Khadi Gramodyog Commission and the number of persons working therein;

(b) what is the number of registered rural industries/institutions;

(c) the present status of these industries and the separate number of profit and loss making industries therein; and

(d) whether any scheme exists to help loss making industries and if so, the details thereof?

### **Development of SSIs in the country**

†\*54. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision to bring a comprehensive legislation to make lakhs of Small Scale Industries set up in various States of the country free from Inspector Raj, provide them with Government protection and develop them;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Deliberations in UN General Assembly**

\*55. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what were the main issues relating to peace and security in the South Asian region

and world peace raised by the Prime Minister in the UN General Assembly in September, this year;

(b) what was the response of the big powers and the consensus of the UN General Assembly thereon; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

### **Rotting of grains in FCI godowns**

†\*56. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large quantity of old stock of food grains is rotting in the godowns of Food Corporation of India? If so, the number of such godowns and how old are the grains lying there;

(b) whether the rotten grains have been released for distribution, if so, by whose order and the justification of distributing the rotten grains; and

(c) the arrangements made by Government to maintain the movement of grains?

### **38th session of ILC**

†\*57. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:  
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the report submitted by Second Labour Commission was discussed in the 38th session of Indian Labour Conference;

(b) if so, whether unanimous decisions were taken after the said discussion; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

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**Cut in outlays for some States for Tenth Plan**

\*58. SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has cut outlays of fourteen States for Tenth Plan;

(b) if so, whether the main reason is that these States have shown their inability to handle big budgets and have accepted lower outlays for the Tenth Plan compared to the Ninth Plan;

(c) if so, what are the names of these States; and

(d) to what extent, this cut in outlays would affect development in these States?

**Promotion of harmonious industrial relations**

\*59. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry proposed a policy for a change in mind set to facilitate promotion of harmonious industrial relations;

(b) if so, the details of proposed change of policy, and

(c) whether the workers are entitled to a share in the profits; if so, the details thereof?

**Relief and incentives to SSIs**

\*60. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Finance Ministry has given some relief and incentives to small scale sector units in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) to what extent these incentives would help to improve the functioning of small scale units in the country?

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YOGENDRA NARAIN,  
*Secretary-General.*

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