

## **RAJYA SABHA**

### **List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS**

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Tuesday, the December 21, 2004/ Agrahayana 30, 1926 (Saka)*

**(Ministries: Civil Aviation; Company Affairs; Finance; Panchayati Raj;  
Petroleum and Natural Gas; Tourism; Water Resources)**

**Total number of questions—20**

#### ***Lending to States by World Bank***

**\*281. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR  
SANGHI:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI  
REDDY:**

Will the Minister of FINANCE be  
pleased to state:

(a) whether World Bank has signalled  
its intention to open up new opportunity  
for engagement with India's largest and  
poorest States;

(b) if so, whether World Bank has  
changed its strategy for lending to States;

(c) whether World Bank group  
strategy has decided to retain an essential  
reform and performance based approach  
to States;

(d) if so, to what extent this new strategy  
of World Bank has affected India for lending;  
and

(e) to what extent India has been able to  
follow changes that have been made by  
World Bank for lending?

#### ***Prohibition of contract labour***

**\*282. SHRIDIPANKAR  
MUKHERJEE:  
SHRI CHITTABRATA  
MAJUMDAR:**

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether Airports Authority of India  
(AAI) had gone to the Delhi High Court  
for obtaining a stay order on the Labour  
Ministry's Notification No. S.O./848(E)  
dated the 26th July, 2004 prohibiting  
employment of contract labour in the job  
of trolley retrieval;

(b) whether AAI had approached the  
High Power Committee established by  
Government pursuant to Supreme Court  
order dated the 11th September, 1991  
before going to Court; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the  
action taken against those responsible for  
by-passing High Power Committee?

***Monitoring Nationalised Banks and  
Financial Institutions***

\*283. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:  
PROF. ALKA BALRAM  
KSHATRIYA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be  
pleased to state:

(a) whether Reserve Bank of India (RBI)  
is monitoring and supervising the role of  
Nationalised Banks and Financial  
Institutions (FIs) through any advisory  
group;

(b) if so, what are the names of Banks/  
FIs which are under active scanner of the  
RBI; and

(c) whether any irregularities have been  
found in the working of these Banks/FIs  
and if so, the details thereof?

***Bail out package for  
LIC***

\*284. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will  
the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to  
state:

(a) whether Government have declined  
to approve the public offer plan mooted  
by the Life Insurance Corporation of India  
and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the LIC is under severe  
pressure to comply with the solvency  
margin standards mandated by the  
insurance regulatory authority;

(c) whether the LIC has sought a bail-  
out package from the Centre including  
waiver of its distributable surplus payable  
to Government every year; and

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

***Expansion of private airlines  
operations***

\*285. SHRIMATI S. G. INDIRA: Will  
the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be  
pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government  
have taken a decision to allow private airlines  
to expand their international operations to  
more destinations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that most of the  
countries have designated only one or two  
airlines to operate on international routes;  
and

(d) whether it is also a fact that the  
national carriers are capable to utilise under-  
utilised bilateral entitlements available to  
the Indian side?

***Promotion of use of CNG***

\*286. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will  
the Minister of PETROLEUM AND  
NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government  
encourage the use of CNG as an  
environment-friendly fuel in passenger and  
commercial vehicles;

(b) if so, whether Government are  
planning any steps to promote its usage  
by facilitating supply and distribution of  
CNG in major cities of the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

***Uniform policy for account numbers***

\*287. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR:  
Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased  
to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the RBI has  
impressed upon banks the importance of  
adopting a uniform policy for account  
numbers as otherwise implementation of  
Straight Through Processing (STP) of

customer transactions under the Real Time Gross Settlement System (RTGSS) could face problems; and

(b) if so, the advantages of having uniform policy for account numbers?

***Absorption of employees of GTB in O B C***

\*288. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the fitment formula adopted by the Oriental Bank of Commerce for the absorption of erstwhile employees of Global Trust Bank which has since been merged with the former;

(b) whether these employees are being absorbed in the comparable posts available in the Oriental Bank of Commerce and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when these employees would be absorbed in the main cadre of Oriental Bank of Commerce?

***Special economic packages for States***

†\*289. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government have received applications from various States for special economic packages for their development and to salvage them from their miserable financial condition;

(b) if so, the names of States and the amount requested for the special economic package and the details of amount approved by the Central Government, State-wise; and

(c) whether the State Government of Himachal Pradesh has also requested for

the grant of special economic package and if so, when and the details of amount requested for?

***FDI cap for Insurance sector***

\*290. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to increase FDI cap for insurance sector from 26 per cent to 49 per cent;

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

(c) whether Indian promoter for the insurance sector will be forced to bring down their holding to 26 per cent in ten years' period;

(d) whether this condition would prove detrimental to Indian companies against the foreign promoter; and

(e) if so, the justification thereof?

***Headquarters of banks in U.P.***

\*291. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that none of the nationalised banks except Small Industries Development Bank of India has its headquarters in Uttar Pradesh, despite the immense growth potential of the State;

(b) the industrial, economic and agricultural growth registered by Uttar Pradesh compared to other States during the years 2002-03 and 2003-04 and the likely growth for the current year; and

(c) whether there is a proposal to set up the headquarters of one or more nationalised banks in Uttar Pradesh?

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†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

***Grants to States for upgradation of district administration***

\*292. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government supplement and release grants on the recommendations received from the Eleventh Finance Commission for upgradation of district administration;

(b) if so, the details of the funds received from EFC, supplemented by Government and released to the State Governments during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that full grants have not been released to some States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the present status in this regard and the targeted date for settlement of the claims?

***Upgraded landing facilities at airports***

\*293. SHRI R. P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the landing aids at various airports are being upgraded to facilitate landing of aircraft in poor visibility conditions due to fog etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that training the pilots and getting the aircraft compatible to the new generation landing systems involve huge investments and many airlines prefer changing their flight schedules rather than train pilots to use them; and

(d) if so, the details of steps taken to coordinate with various airlines for more pilots using the available systems to

improve operational efficiencies during dense fog etc.?

***Black money***

\*294. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of black money working in the open market of the country;

(b) how this black money is affecting the civic life of the people; and

(c) the efforts initiated by Government to unearth the role of black money and to minimise the figure to the maximum possible extent?

***Infusing of funds in DICGC***

\*295. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the RBI are considering to infuse funds in the Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation of India, looking at its pathetic condition;

(b) if so, the details of the package that is going to be given to DICGC; and

(c) the amount of deposits paid by DICGC to the depositors of failed co-operative banks during the last three years, year-wise?

***Sustained growth of Mumbai***

\*296. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2178 given in Rajya Sabha on the 24th August, 2004 and state:

(a) whether the State Government of Maharashtra has submitted any plans for sustained growth of Mumbai in terms of

trade, industrial development and bank credit and the Central aid sought for infrastructural and other developments; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and what is the Central Government's response thereto?

#### ***World Bank assistance***

\*297. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have requested the World Bank to step up its assistance for India; and

(b) if so, what are the areas where the World Bank is expected to extend its assistance for development?

#### ***Merger of banks and insurance companies***

\*298. SHRI AMAR SINGH:  
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to merge all the public sector banks into five to six major banks;

(b) whether the public sector insurance companies are also likely to be merged into one or two major companies;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what is the rationale behind this merger?

#### ***Use of royalty on crude oil***

\*299. SHRI LEKHRAJ BACHANI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the royalty on crude oil received by State Governments is used for entire State;

(b) if not, whether provision is made for the development of the area from where it is produced or found; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

#### ***Vanishing non-banking companies***

†\*300. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI:  
SHRI T. T. V. DHINA-  
KARAN:

Will the Minister of COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of registered non-banking companies in the country;

(b) the number of operational companies, out of it;

(c) the number of companies which have disappeared with public money;

(d) the steps being taken by Government to trace those disappeared companies and make them pay back the money of the people; and

(e) by when the people would get their money back?

NEW DELHI;  
*The 15th December, 2004*  
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YOGENDRA NARAIN,  
*Secretary-General.*

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***I N D E X***  
**(Ministry-wise)**

<b>Civil Aviation</b>	:	282, 285, 293,
<b>Company Affairs</b>	:	300,
<b>Finance</b>	:	281, 283, 284, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298,
<b>Panchayati Raj</b>	:	—
<b>Petroleum and Natural Gas</b>	:	286, 299.
<b>Tourism</b>	:	—
<b>Water Resources</b>	:	—