

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Wednesday, the December 21, 2005/Agrahayana 30, 1927 (Saka)*

(Ministries : Commerce and Industry; Defence; Home Affairs;
Non-Conventional Energy Sources; Power;
Rural Development; Textiles)

Total number of questions — 20

Jehanabad Jail attack

†*401. SHRIMATI SUSHMA
SWARAJ:
SHRI AJAY SINGH
CHAUTALA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are
contemplating on formulating any joint
policy with Nepal to combat maoists after
the incident committed by naxalites in
Jehanabad;

(b) if so, the steps taken so far in this
regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Procurement made by DGS & D for WB/ADB aided projects

*402. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will
the Minister of COMMERCE AND
INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of procurement made by
DGS & D for World Bank/Asian
Development Bank aided projects for the
last three years and also the purchases
effected in terms of indents, number of

contracts and the value of contracts placed
for the last three years;

(b) has there been some unevenness
with respect to purchase effected from
different regions, if so, the reasons for
same;

(c) what is the system to check the
quality of stores received; and

(d) whether the test check under the
system of quality audit is foolproof, if so,
the statistics of complaints received in the
last three years?

Boiler Act legislation

*403. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the
Minister of COMMERCE AND
INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received
any complaints from Boiler Industrialists
that they are facing problems due to non-
essential boiler rules;

(b) if so, Government's response
thereto;

(c) what is the present status of
bringing out a Boiler Act legislation in
Parliament; and

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(d) what are the reasons for the delay in bringing this Act?

Incidents of rape, loot, dacoities and other criminal activities in trains

†*404. SHRI AJAY MAROO:
SHRI SANTOSH
BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the incidents of rape, loot, dacoities and other criminal activities in trains in Jharkhand and other States;

(b) whether there is any specific criteria to fix the responsibility in this matter;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what measures have been taken for the safety of lives and property of passengers travelling by train?

Criteria of Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme

*405. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the criteria of Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme and whether Government have identified those rural areas where there are lots of unemployed youths;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether monitoring mechanism has been fixed by Government so that the lot of youths may get employment?

Development of wastelands

*406. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI K. B. KRISHNA
MURTHY:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of wastelands in the country as on date;

(b) what is the policy of Government to develop wastelands and quantum of funds allocated for the same during the last three years;

(c) the quantum of wastelands developed during the last three years, State-wise; and

(d) whether there is any policy of Government to distribute wastelands amongst landless peasants?

Import of agricultural produce

*407. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of agricultural produce imported during the last three years showing the countries from where they were imported;

(b) whether the imported agricultural produce is used for domestic consumption or for processing and export or both;

(c) details of concessions, if any, provided to importers during this period; and

(d) the steps taken to bring down the import of agricultural produce?

Automatic lights at metro stations

†*408. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering on making such provision at metro stations that the lights would be on as soon as it gets dark and with the break of dawn the lights would go off automatically;

(b) if so, whether Government are

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considering on making such provision throughout the country; if so, the details thereof;

(c) the extent to which this provision would put a check on theft of power; and

(d) by when this provision would be implemented?

Linking of army hospitals with private hospitals

*409. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to link army hospitals with private hospitals to provide service to defence personnel;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether army personnel are eligible for medical insurance cover for heart, burns and two other ailments only;

(d) whether it is proposed to extend insurance cover for other ailments also;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Waiving off the loans of Punjab Government

*410. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total term loans given to Punjab Government by Central Government during 1984-85 for combating insurgency and militancy in the State;

(b) what are the recommendations of the Eleventh and Twelfth Finance Commissions on payment of the debt and interest on these outstanding special term loans; and;

(c) whether Government have received any request from the Government of

Punjab to waive off the entire outstanding amount of loan and interest and have also worked out the security related expenditure and sent the same to the Ministry of Home Affairs as desired by the Twelfth Finance Commission?

Private sector participation in defence production and Ordnance factories

*411. DR. KARAN SINGH :

DR. T. SUBBARAMI
REDDY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are seriously considering to announce role of private sector in defence production and Ordnance factories;

(b) if so, whether any MoU has been signed by Government with private firms in this regard;

(c) if so, what are details of same and to what extent working arrangements between private industry and Ordnance factories would be undertaken;

(d) whether any concrete formula has been evolved;

(e) if so, the details of same and whether any efforts made from the private sector has been considered; and

(f) if so, by what time private sector would start defence production?

CRPF personnel attacking general public

*412. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have noted some incidents involving CRPF personnel attacking the general public in trains and in markets;

(b) what is the reaction of Government to such unfortunate and violent actions by CRPF against civilians;

(c) the steps proposed to improve their training and behaviour; and

(d) the instructions being given to CRPF personnel to behave in trains and other public places?

Rural development in NES

†*413. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated some schemes for rural development in North Eastern States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) State-wise amount allotted by Government for this purpose during the current financial year; and

(d) details of the effective steps being taken to implement rural development schemes in the States?

Trans border terrorism

*414. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite increase in Confidence Building Measures in recent months, the infiltration and militant activities at various points on the line of control are on the rise;

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

(c) the steps proposed to be taken in this regard in order to reduce the tension on the border by controlling trans border terrorism?

Indo-EU Summit

*415. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a joint action plan was adopted during the sixth Indo-European Union Summit in September this year for seeking greater access to EU markets for Indian products and services and for further economic cooperation with European Union countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action since taken in the light thereof, to remove trade barriers and providing FDI?

FDI in tobacco sector

*416. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposals from Tobacco MNCs for FDI in the Tobacco Sector; and

(b) if so, Government's response to such proposals and the State Policy on FDI in Tobacco units?

India's 6 point strategy for China

*417. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI
REDDY:

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

(a) whether India plans 6-point strategy for China to dent in Chinese market through a well designed action plan aimed at diversifying export basket from primary

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products to manufactured items and processed products;

(b) if so, whether any joint study group set up by India and China had given wide ranging recommendations for removing irritants and facilitating bilateral trade;

(c) if so, what are the concrete steps and measures considered by this joint group;

(d) whether any action plan in this regard had been worked out; and

(e) by what time India's 6 point strategy for China has been agreed upon?

NFWP in Orissa

*418. SHRI B.J. PANDA:

MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under the National Food for Work Programme only 18 out of 30 districts have so far been covered in Orissa;

(b) whether Government are aware that Orissa is the most backward and tribal dominated region with the lowest per capita income in the country;

(c) whether the State Government has made a proposal for covering the remaining 12 districts under the above project; and

(d) if so, the status thereof and if not

already done, the time frame within which the above 12 districts would also be covered?

Representation from ex-servicemen demanding pensionary benefits

*419. PROF. P.J. KURIAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received representation from ex-servicemen of less than 14 years of service, demanding pensionary benefits;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

Rape cases with minors in Delhi

*420. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that rape cases with minor girls are on the increase in the country during these days;

(b) if so, the State-wise details thereof for the last three years;

(c) whether it is also a fact that more than sufficient time is taken by the court to punish the defaulters; and

(d) if so, the instructions to be issued for taking decision at the earliest in such cases and by when such instructions are expected to be issued?

NEW DELHI;
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YOGENDRA NARAIN,
Secretary-General.

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