

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Friday, the March 22, 2002 / Chaitra 1, 1924 (Saka)*

(Ministries: Agriculture; Chemicals and Fertilizers; Environment and Forests;
Food Processing Industries; Human Resource Development;
Ocean Development; Railways; Science and Technology;
Steel; Youth Affairs and Sports)

Total number of questions—20

Agricultural clinics

†*281. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the news-item published in Hindustan of 23rd December, 2001 under the caption, "Prati varsh paanch hazar krishi klinic kholne ka faisla";

(b) if so, the details of the proposal;

(c) whether Government would also provide agriculture related training to farmers through these clinics; and

(d) if so, by when the said clinics would start functioning in the country?

Another base station in Antarctica

*282. SHRI K.M. SAIFULLAH: Will the Minister of OCEAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether India propose to set up another permanent base station in Antarctica;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the target for setting up the station?

Retrenchment of SAIL employees

*283. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of employees of SAIL retired under Voluntary Retirement Scheme during the last three years; and

(b) the amount, the undertaking is expected to pay upto 31st March, 2003, as retirement benefits to persons going for retirement?

UGC grants for universities

*284. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of grants distributed by the UGC during the last three years, university-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that UGC has stopped giving funds to some universities;

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

(d) whether any State Government has given representation to the Ministry, seeking restoration of UGC grants; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Regularisation of officials in SAIL

*285. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that SAIL management recruited seven Research Assistants and 33 non-executives on temporary basis, during 1995—1997;

(b) if so, the details of those who have been regularised after the initial appointment, indicating the reasons for non regularisation of the remaining incumbants;

(c) whether it is a fact that regularisation in respect of other candidates was done, despite a pending court case;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) if not, the facts thereof and by which date the remaining incumbents would be regularised?

Flood damage in Kerala

*286. SHRI N.K. PREMA-CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have extended special assistance towards flood damage caused due to south-west Monsoon, set in Kerala on 25th May, 2001;

(b) the estimated damage in different sectors due to the flood havoc;

(c) the magnitude of damage assessed by the Central Team;

(d) whether Government released the assistance recommended by the Central Team;

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) whether Government would

consider releasing financial assistance recommended therein?

Basic facilities in primary schools in rural A.P.

*287. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any survey to find out the number of primary schools in rural Andhra Pradesh which do not have school buildings, class rooms and basic facilities like benches, drinking water and toilets;

(b) if so, the findings thereof, district-wise; and

(c) the remedial measures Government propose to take in this regard?

Gauge conversion of Rupsa-Bangriposi and Naupada-Gunupur rail lines

*288. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that gauge conversion work of Rupsa-Bangriposi and Naupada-Gunupur in Orissa, sanctioned in 1995-96 and 1997-98, is still languishing;

(b) if so, the reasons for the delay in taking up the projects; and

(c) the fresh steps taken for expeditious completion of work on these projects?

Conversion of Bhuj-Nalia rail line

*289. SHRI ANANTRAY DEV-SHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a survey for conversion of Bhuj-Nalia rail line has been completed; and

(b) if so, by when the project is expected to be taken up?

Offices of Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation at Vijayawada

*290. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO:

SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have allotted land for construction of offices of Catering and Tourism Corporation at Vijayawada in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the area of land allotted;

(c) by when construction would begin and be completed; and

(d) what are the details of the Railway employees who would be absorbed in the Corporation?

Complaints against officer of Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar University

†*291. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry/the Central Vigilance Commission have received any serious complaints against an officer of Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Agra, with regard to corruption/cheating;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry/the Central Vigilance Commission have started enquiry into the matter;

(d) if so, the outcome of the enquiry so far and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Government propose to

give instructions for taking action against such corrupt officials and if so, by when the action is likely to be taken; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor and the justification thereof?

Market intervention for potato and onion in Karnataka

*292. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of loss incurred due to market intervention for potato and onion in Karnataka during 1996-97;

(b) whether Government were requested to reimburse half of the amount of loss; and

(c) whether Government have reimbursed the amount; if so, the details thereof?

National Translation Board

*293. SHRI R. KAMARAJ: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government propose to help for formation of National Translation Board for Indian Literature; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

New rail lines in Gujarat

*294. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposals under consideration, for construction of new rail lines in Gujarat; and

(b) what is the current status of these proposals?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Study by NPPA for Dexamethasone

*295. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NPPA has conducted technical cum cost studies for Dexamethasone;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Dy. Director (Technical) and A.D. (Cost) had gone to visit some Plants; and

(c) whether the report submitted is misleading because of the favours given to both these officers?

Reserved coaches in Satyagraha Express

†*296. MISS FRIDA TOPNO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that only two sleeper class reserved coaches are attached to 4048/4047 Satyagraha Express and that the passengers bound for the Northern Bihar have to face a lot of difficulties on this account;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the condition of these sleeper class coaches in this train is very pitiable and worsening;

(c) whether Government are aware that the time of arrival of this train at Raxaul is inconvenient for passengers; and

(d) if so, what steps Government propose to take in the matter and by when?

SEB's dues to Railways

*297. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that various State Electricity Boards owe huge amount to the Indian Railways for carrying coal to their respective power units; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard, Board-wise, and the steps taken to recover the amount from SEBs?

Lok Adalats for women

*298. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are thinking of setting up of Lok Adalats for women to settle cases of matrimonial and domestic violence; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

MoU for rail infrastructure development

*299. DR. (MS.) P. SELVIE DAS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) which States have signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Ministry of Railways to form Rail Infrastructure Development Company, to undertake rail infrastructure development in their respective States; and

(b) the details of major projects taken up by respective Rail Infrastructure Development Company, so far?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Wagons requirement of Railways

*300. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA
RAO:

SHRI NANA DESHMUKH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be
pleased to state:

(a) the average number of wagons of
goods trains at present;

(b) whether the Railways require about
25,000 wagons every year and it has set
up a target of 17,000 wagons for the
financial year 2002-2003;

(c) whether there is an ever growing
number of condemned wagons year after
year and 42,000 wagons need immediate
replacement;

(d) if so, the reaction of Government
in this regard;

(e) whether Government propose to
increase the number of wagons to increase
load carrying capacity of goods trains so
as to help farmers in transporting farm
produce; and

(f) the steps being taken to meet the
increasing demand of wagons?

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R.C. TRIPATHI,
Secretary-General.

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