

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on

Monday, the July 22, 2002/Asadha 31, 1924 (Saka)

(Ministries: Development of North Eastern Region; Disinvestment; Health and Family Welfare; Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises; Information and Broadcasting; Law and Justice; Shipping; Social Justice and Empowerment; Tribal Affairs; Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation)

Total number of questions—20

Pending cases in High Courts and Subordinate Courts

*101. SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of pending cases in various High Courts and Subordinate Courts in the country and the number of judges available to deal with them till 31st December, 2001;

(b) the norms fixed for the number of judges as per 5/10 lakh population; and

(c) the number of vacancies of judges lying vacant till date, State-wise, and by when it will be filled up, so as to dispose of pending cases in the above mentioned courts?

Expensive cancer treatment

*102. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:
SHRI BHAGATRAM
MANHAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that treatment of cancer in the country is very expensive and

is beyond the reach of poor and middle class people;

(b) if so, whether Government have any plan to ensure that poor patients suffering from cancer are given treatment at nominal cost at various Hospitals and Institutes in Delhi; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

UN special Session on Children

*103. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India had committed itself to meet the goals set at the 1990 World Summit for Children;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a decade later, when the UN special session on children met to review the progress on these commitments, India was among the defaulting Nations; and

(c) if so, the factors that led to not meeting the targets set particularly for nutrition and child health care?

Export promotion zones for medicinal and herbal products

*104. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Medicinal Plants Board has decided to set-up export promotion zones exclusively for medicinal and herbal products in States; and

(b) if so, the States which have been approached for this purpose?

National Judicial Commission

*105. SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to set-up a National Judicial Commission to appoint Judges of higher judiciary including those of Supreme Court and High Courts;

(b) if so, whether his Ministry has written to all major political parties and the State Governments to submit their views about the proposal of having a National Judicial Commission;

(c) if so, by when a final decision for setting-up a National Judicial Commission is likely to be taken; and

(d) whether its objectives and aims have been finalized and approved by the Chief Justice of India?

Performance of Doordarshan

*106. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of viewers, Transmission Centres and Programme Kendras of Doordarshan have increased during 1999, 2000 and 2001; and

(b) the total income of Doordarshan during the last three years?

Digital library

*107. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to establish a digital library for documenting traditional knowledge;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when it is likely to be established?

Urban Development Reforms

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

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to bring radical reforms to make civic bodies self-sufficient and self-reliant;

(b) if so, whether a meeting of Housing and Urban Development Ministers of all States was held in the month of June, 2002 to discuss the urban development reforms;

(c) if so, the main decisions taken in the meeting; and

(d) the steps being taken to implement them?

Rules relating to Advertisements on Doordarshan

†*109. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that rules are not

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being followed in regard to showing of advertisements on Doordarshan;

(b) whether Government propose to take steps to ensure that the rules are implemented fully;

(c) if so, the details thereof and by when these are likely to be implemented; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Use of disposable syringes

†*110. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to make use of disposable syringes mandatory on the advice of World Health Organization; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Utilisation of disinvestment proceeds

*111. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the process of disinvestment has yielded good results;

(b) the amount of money realized by way of disinvestment during 2000-2001 and 2001-2002;

(c) the details of projects and schemes on which the realized money is proposed to be spent;

(d) whether any amount is earmarked for small-scale or rural industries or other employment-generating works; and

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

Funds for development reform facility

*112. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that distribution of funds from Rs. 2500 crore development reform facility will be determined on the basis of States, poverty ratios;

(b) if so, where the States of Uttar Pradesh, Uttaranchal and Bihar stand in this scheme; and

(c) the number of districts which have been identified in these States for utilization of these funds and the projects which are to be financed out of them?

Utilization of cash advance funds after disinvestment of companies

†*113. SHRI HARENDRA SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to formulate a policy regarding utilization of cash advance funds of PSUs after their disinvestment;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when this policy is expected to be finalised?

Funds for development of NER

*114. SHRI RISHANG KEISHING: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the budgetary allocation to his Department since its inception, year-wise;

(b) the thrust of the Ministry in the development of the North Eastern Region;

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(c) the criteria, if any, for the allocation of fund to each State; and

(d) the mechanism for effective implementation of the schemes?

Renewal of permission to Medical and Dental Colleges

*115. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has recently denied renewal of permission to several Medical and Dental Colleges in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the eligibility criteria in the recognised Medical and Dental Colleges have also been further revised;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to curb mushrooming of sub-standard Medical and Dental Colleges in the country?

Memorandum from All-India Local Bodies Workmen's Federation

*116. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI GAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether he has received a memorandum from the All-India Local Bodies Workmen's Federation;

(b) if so, the demands raised through that memorandum; and

(c) the action taken regarding those demands?

Allocation of funds for NER

*117. DR. MANMOHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the unallocated amount of money available in the non-lapsable fund for North Eastern region as on 1st April, 2002;

(b) the principles which are being followed by Government in sanctioning allocations from the fund;

(c) the allocation of funds since the inception of the scheme, State-wise; and

(d) the mechanism for monitoring the projects financed out of the fund?

Stoppage of oxygen supply in Kalavati Saran Children Hospital

†*118. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Nashey mein dhut technician ne Oxygen rokee, derh darzan bachchey maut ke muh mein jaate-jaate bache", which appeared in the 'Rashtriya Sahara', dated 4th June, 2002;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Vigilance department of his Ministry had made a surprise visit of Kalavati Saran Children Hospital about a month back and many employees on duty were found badly intoxicated;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken against the guilty persons?

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**Setting up of C.G.H.S. hospitals in
Karnataka**

*119. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of C.G.H.S. hospitals in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether Government of Karnataka has requested to set-up C.G.H.S. hospitals in major cities of the State in view of inadequate number of C.G.H.S. Units; and

(c) if so, the action taken in this regard?

Population explosion

†*120. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is on the brink of population explosion;

(b) whether it is a fact that if this trend continues then India would be the most populated country in the world by the year 2050;

(c) whether after failing in all their efforts to control the situation, Government have now finally sought the cooperation of private sector for this purpose; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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Secretary-General.

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