

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Tuesday, the July 22, 2003/Asadha 31, 1925 (Saka)*

(Ministries: Civil Aviation; Finance; Petroleum and Natural Gas;
Tourism and Culture; Water Resources)

Total number of questions—20

Disappearance of listed BSE companies

*21. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:
SHRI JIBON ROY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be
pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that
at least 2,750 companies of the 5,651 listed
on the BSE were not available for trading
and have gone missing with around
Rs. 10,000 crore invested in these
companies by millions of investors;

(b) if so, how many of them have been
officially declared as 'disappeared' and the
total amount of investors' money involved
therein; and

(c) what steps are being taken to ensure
that the listed companies do not play "Loot
and Scoot" game with investors' money?

Ground handling at airports

*22. SHRI JIBON ROY:
SHRI R. P. GOENKA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION
be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that inspite of
decisions taken by Government private
airliners are being allowed to carry on
ground handling on airports; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

Action on Tarapore Committee report

*23. SHRI MANOJ
BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMAD
KHAN (DURRU):

Will the Minister of FINANCE be
pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any
follow-up action with regard to the officials
indicted by the Tarapore Committee in
January, 2002 in the U.T.I. scam;

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

(c) by when action is likely to be taken
in this regard?

Height of Sardar Sarovar Project

*24. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI:
SHRI N. R. DASARI:

Will the Minister of WATER
RESOURCES be pleased to refer to answer
to Unstarred Question 2148 given in the
Rajya Sabha on 11th March, 2003 and state:

(a) whether the decision to raise the

height of the Sardar Sarovar Project from 95 metres to 100 metres will cause submerging vast area of inhabited land;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of people likely to be affected;

(c) the details of rehabilitation provided, so far, giving State-wise details;

(d) whether the rehabilitation process has not been completed so far; and

(e) whether the NCA decision violates the Supreme Court Order and the Narmada Water Disputes Award?

Banks without CMDs

*25. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:
DR. ABRAR AHMED:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of nationalised banks which are without CMDs at present;

(b) whether a number of new CMDs are likely to be appointed in the near future; and

(c) if so, the procedure/criteria/guidelines laid down for appointing new CMDs?

Technology for rain water

*26. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA:
Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the technology of using rain water has declined in the country;

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take for the optimum use of rain water;

(c) whether it is also a fact that State Governments are not in a position to exploit the rivers and ground water in a better way; and

(d) if so, what steps, Government propose to take for the full utilisation of river water?

Accumulated funds of NSE and BSE

*27. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of savings/profits made by National Stock Exchange and Bombay Stock Exchange during the last three years, exchange-wise and year-wise;

(b) what are the accumulated profits/savings of these stock exchanges to date; and

(c) how do these stock exchanges utilize these large sums?

Facilities at tourist and pilgrim centres in Tamil Nadu

*28. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to develop infrastructural facilities at important tourist and pilgrim centres in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Short route for Kailash Mansarovar Yatra

†*29. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any demand has been made with the Chinese Government for opening short and self-route for Kailash Mansarovar Yatra;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) whether any agreement or discussion with regard to increase the number of pilgrims and to provide the facilities to them have taken place during the Prime Minister's visit to China;

(c) if so, by when the decision about short route and to increase the number of Pilgrims will be effective; and

(d) if not, the details of the obstruction?

Doctoring of balance sheets by IA and AAI

*30. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA
SEKAR REDDY:
DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether CAG has observed that the Indian Airlines and Airports Authority of India are doctoring their balance sheets for the year 2001-02;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the remedial steps taken to reflect true picture of these PSUs in balance sheets?

Construction of Heritage Corridor Project near Taj Mahal, Agra

*31. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Government have asked the U.P. Government to undo the damage caused near the Taj Mahal due to the work on the Heritage Corridor Project;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any inquiry is being conducted by the State Government on this issue;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether such construction violates the statutory limit of 300 metres; and

(f) whether any further reduction in the river width through reclamation would affect the safety of the monument's foundation as per the report of the IIT, Roorkee?

Excise duty on textile industry

*32. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO:
Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Andhra Pradesh Government has suggested to waive excise duty on textile industry to improve competencies and capabilities to the level of global standards; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

Agreement on economic ties with China

*33. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of agreements relating to economic ties between India and China were discussed and signed;

(b) if so, to what extent differences between the two countries on economic ties have been removed;

(c) whether both India and China have agreed to improve economic relations between the two countries and have also decided to help each other on economic development;

(d) if so, whether China has also agreed to provide aid to India for various projects; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Delay in launching of Varishtha Bima Pension Yojana

†*34. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA
RAO:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the launch of Varishtha Bima Pension Yojana has been unduly delayed;

(b) if so, the reasons for delay in its implementation; and

(c) the method proposed to be evolved ensuring that nominees are not harassed in getting back the principal amount on demise of senior citizens?

Amendment to PPF and Post Office Schemes

*35. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 630 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 6th May, 2003 and state:

(a) whether he has received specific suggestions for the amendment of some of the provisions of PPF Scheme, 1968 and Post Office Income Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon; and

(c) if no action has so far been taken, by when the same is likely to be taken?

Places declared protected by ASI

*36. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ASI has declared certain religious places like Jama Masjid in Delhi as protected places;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the money donated as offering will be utilized for development of this place as in the case with offerings at Vaishno Devi shrine?

Fiscal situation

*37. DR. A.R. KIDWAI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Standing Committee on Finance has painted a grim picture of the fiscal situation of the Central and State Governments and warned that unless immediate steps are taken to reverse this, some State Governments would be compelled to declare financial emergency;

(b) if so, whether the Committee's recommendations have been forwarded to the State Governments; and

(c) to what extent the Central and State Governments have agreed to implement the suggestions made by the Committee to avoid the emergency crisis in the States?

Action plan for irrigation facilities in Orissa

*38. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any action plan for implementation of Bhimkund multi purpose irrigation project, Anadpur barrage, renovation of Jokodia barrage and extension of left canal of Rangali dam for creating adequate irrigation facility in Jajpur district of Orissa; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Loan for educated unemployed youth
in Maharashtra**

*39. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of educated unemployed youths in Maharashtra who applied for loan under Prime Minister Rojgar Yojana for setting up their own industrial units/business during the last three years;

(b) the number of such applications pending for approval; and

(c) the details of reasons for the delay and what steps Government have taken or propose to take for their speedy disposal?

**Demand and supply of LPG
in Assam**

*40. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of estimated monthly requirement of LPG in various districts of Assam;

(b) the details of supply position and the steps taken by Government to meet the present requirement of LPG in these districts; and

(c) the measures proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

NEW DELHI;
The 16th July, 2003
Asadha 25, 1925 (Saka)

YOGENDRA NARAIN,
Secretary-General.

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(Ministry-wise)

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