

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Monday, the August 22, 2005/Sravana 31, 1927 (Saka)*

(Ministries : Culture; Development of North-Eastern Region; Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises; Human Resource Development; Information and Broadcasting; Law and Justice; Mines; Parliamentary Affairs; Social Justice and Empowerment; Tribal Affairs; Urban Development; Urban Employment and Poverty Alleviation)

Total number of questions — 20

Conservation and restoration of statue of Lord Gomateshwara

*361. SHRI LALIT SURI:
DR. VIJAY MALLYA:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the world's tallest statue of Lord Gomateshwara and its supporting structures need to be strengthened;

(b) if so, the steps undertaken by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) for conservation and restoration of the heritage structure; and

(c) whether there is any proposal with the ASI for installing a lightning conductor to protect the statue?

Dues of Post Matric Scholarship Scheme

*362. SHRI DATTA MEGHE:
SHRI VASANT CHAVAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a huge accumulation of dues,

under 100 per cent Centrally sponsored Post Matric Scholarship Scheme for the Other Backward Classes is to be paid to the Government of Maharashtra and other States;

(b) if so, the amount thereof, due to each of the States as on the 31st March 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005; and

(c) the reasons for growing accumulation and the steps taken for regular clearance of such dues?

Financial assistance to Sanskrit Pandits

*363. SHRI SURENDRA LATH:
SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that two Sanskrit Pandits from Sikkim were granted Financial Assistance by Government for subsistence till 2003-04;

(b) whether for the financial years 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04 a sum of Rs. 85,000/- was sanctioned and given to

the HRD Department of the Government of Sikkim and an amount of Rs. 55,000/- only was paid to the Pandits for three years as backlog, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether it is a fact that for the year 2004-05 they have not been paid till date and if so, the reasons therefor?

Listing of education in VII schedule

*364. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many States have been demanding shifting of 'Education' from the Concurrent List to the State List;

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

(c) whether Government recognise the diverse socio-cultural ethos of this country according to which the school curriculum has to be shaped; and

(d) whether Government would bring a constitutional amendment to shift 'Education' to the State List?

Human Scavengers

*365. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there were 6,76,009 human scavengers engaged throughout the country, during 1992-1993;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the existing number of human scavengers, State-wise, as on date;

(d) the details of the budget released and spent during the years 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05, State-wise, for implementing the National Scheme of Liberation and Rehabilitation of Scavengers and their dependents; and

(e) the number of human scavengers and their dependents rehabilitated under this Scheme, State-wise, during the above period?

Encroachment on Tomb of Mirza Ghalib

*366. DR. VIJAY MALLYA:
SHRI LALIT SURI:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Tomb of Mirza Ghalib, the renowned poet, situated within the Hazrat Nizamuddin's complex in Delhi has been encroached;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by the Archaeological Survey of India to remove the encroachment; and

(c) whether any expert committee has been constituted to protect world heritage sites and monuments in Mehrauli Archaeological Park, Lal Gumbaz, Firoz Shah Kotla, Mubarkshan Tomb and other such monuments in Delhi?

Domestic violence

*367. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been considerable increase in domestic violence against women during 2004-05;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the measures Government are taking to check this trend; and

(d) the number of cases registered during the year and the number of persons prosecuted?

Deemed universities

*368. SHRI LEKHRAJ BACHANI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of deemed universities sanctioned in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether such universities can open and start any college in other States; and
- (c) whether Government are aware that unrecognised colleges in various faculties are opened in various States without affiliations to any university or sanction of the concerned State Government?

Maintenance of social infrastructures by HEC and MECON

*369. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Heavy Engineering Corporation (HEC) and MECON Ltd., Ranchi, have also been running hospitals, schools and other social infrastructure for their employees and general public within or adjacent to their operational campuses in Jharkhand;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, including the size/category of manpower involved in management and running, average number of beneficiaries of their services and the annual financial support each of the above needed during the last three years, year-wise;
- (c) whether any steps are being taken to get rid of these infrastructures by entrusting and/or leasing out them to private entrepreneurs;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the reasons therefor?

Compulsory education for children

†*370. DR. FAGUNI RAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is mandatory to provide compulsory education to the children in the age group of 6 to 14 years; and
- (b) the provisions made by Government to provide compulsory education to the children who are staying away from their parents/guardians alongwith the number of such children in the country?

Gandhism in elementary education

*371. SHRI SILVIUS CONDPAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government propose to introduce syllabus with text books on Gandhism relating to Gram Swaraj as well as the history of National freedom from elementary level of education; and
- (b) whether Government would also like to introduce from elementary education level, the text books based on the rights and duties of citizens and secularism provided in the Indian Constitution?

Vacant Posts of teachers in Punjab

*372. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware of the fact that thousands of posts of teachers, particularly in primary schools in Punjab, are lying vacant since long resulting in a set back to student education;

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(b) if so, whether Government have asked for any report from the Government of Punjab; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Review of National Education Policy

*373. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose a review of the National Education Policy;

(b) the States which have framed their own Education Policy; and

(c) whether his Ministry has examined/scrutinised the Education Policy documents of the State Governments to detect any possible violations of the National Education Policy therein?

ST status to Goud caste of Bihar

†*374. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Goud caste of Bihar has been declared as Scheduled Tribe *vide* Government's notification No. S.R.O. 2477 dated 28th October, 1956 and all the benefits had been provided to it;

(b) whether this tribe is not getting such benefits at present in the State;

(c) whether Gouda in English, Gond, Gonad, God are synonyms for the same tribe; and

(d) if so, the action proposed to be taken by Government to restore the benefits to this tribe in the State?

AIR centres

*375. SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS BAL APTE:

SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the radio centres opened in the country during the last three years; and

(b) the number of AIR centres proposed to be opened during 2005-06?

FAR norms along metro corridors

*376. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) by when the Dwarka-Barakhamba MRTS route is likely to be completed and started;

(b) whether the 500 metres corridors along the route, which the new Master Plan 2021 proposes as influence zones, can avail of the enhanced FAR and height proposals of the Master Plan after the operationalisation of the route;

(c) whether the proposals have been taken into consideration while preparing the new building bye laws for Delhi; and

(d) by when the new building bye laws are likely to be implemented?

Improvement of new programme of DD

*377. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) while in the process of allowing private FM to 90 cities, two more private DTH operators and FII to invest in print

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companies, whether it would be possible to upgrade the said programmes viz. current affairs in local languages in the areas other than Delhi;

(b) the reasons for which the local directors of DD are hesitant to improve the news telecast with due visuals compared to DD from Delhi; and

(c) whether there has been any corrective measures taken by way of enough clearance and authority to improve performance and set right things?

Encroachment of protected buildings and heritage structures

†*378. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that some people have constructed houses or opened shops and Food Plazas after demolishing or encroaching upon a number of protected buildings and heritage buildings/structures;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the steps taken to remove the encroachments;

(c) whether Government are also aware that after demolishing a heritage building at Platform No. 1 at Nagpur Station a Food Plaza has been opened with the connivance of some officers; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to remove this encroachment and to punish the culprits?

Three language formula

*379. SHRI VASANT CHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under the three language formula CBSE and ICSE students have to study only two languages whereas the State Board schools students have to study three languages;

(b) whether the Government of Maharashtra has requested the Central Government to revise the curricula to bring about a uniformity requiring the State Board students also to study only two language on the pattern of CBSE and ICSE; and

(c) if so, the details of the proposal made by the State Government, when it was made and the decision taken by Government in the matter alongwith the reasons for the delay?

National Institute of Technology

*380. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of National Institute of Technology (NITs) in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether Government would set up new NIT in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) the responsibilities of NITs; and

(d) whether Government would reset the activities of NITs?

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YOGENDRA NARAIN,
Secretary-General.

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