

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

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

Thursday, the November 22, 2001/Agrahayana 1, 1923 (Saka)

(Ministries : Prime Minister; Agro and Rural Industries; Atomic Energy; Communications; Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution; External Affairs; Information Technology; Labour; Parliamentary Affairs; Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Planning; Road Transport and Highways; Small Scale Industries; Space; Statistics and Programme Implementation; Tourism)

Total number of questions—20

Recommendations of Experts Committee on marketing strategy by KVIC

*61. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recommendations of Experts Committee to strengthen marketing strategy were not acted upon by the KVIC;

(b) whether trading units having an investment of Rs. 89.57 crores were running in losses; and

(c) if so, the action proposed to be taken against the CEO and CAO of KVIC for not implementing the said recommendations?

Statutory dues of CPSUs' employees

*62. SHRIMATI CHANDRA
KALA PANDEY:
SHRI DIPANKAR
MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to refer to the reply to Starred Question 63 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 23rd November, 2000, and state:

(a) the status of statutory dues payable to the employees of CPSUs;

(b) the amount liquidated so far;

(c) the status of present dues against P.F., gratuity *vis-a-vis* status on the 23rd November, 2000, enterprise-wise;

(d) whether employees of Burn Standard, National Instruments, Bharat Brakes and Valves are not being paid wages for the last 4-5 months; and

(e) if so, the action taken by Government to pay the arrears of wages immediately?

WLL service in Karnataka

*63. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to launch Wireless Local Loop (WLL) service by the Department of Telecommunications in Karnataka; and

(b) if so, the details of the cities proposed to be covered under WLL service?

Regularisation of contract labourers

*64. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Supreme Court has recently ruled that the workers (contract labourers) would not be automatically absorbed as regular employees; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken or is proposed to be taken to protect the interests of the contract workers?

Fishermen held in Sri Lanka

†*65. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian fishermen were held for fishing in Sri Lankan waters;

(b) if so, the number thereof; and

(c) the steps Government have taken so far to get them released?

Cost overrun by Central sector projects

*66. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an analysis by the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) has revealed that as many as 466 Central sector projects in different States suffer cost overrun by about 36 per cent;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that ASSOCHAM has made some suggestions to help reduce the cost overrun; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

Restructuring of KVIC

†*67. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Khadi and Village Industries Commission has decided to shift from conventional industries of the country and encourage setting-up of new industries to keep pace with the modernisation in the era of globalization;

(b) if so, the details of the decision taken in this regard; and

(c) the changes proposed by the Commission in the existing structure of village industries in the light of the said decision?

Cut-off of Indian news for the Indian High Commission in Islamabad

*68. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:
SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT
RAO:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan has cut-off Indian news for the Indian High Commission in Islamabad;

(b) if so, the protest made for infringement of the right to information; and

(c) the Pakistan Government's response thereto?

Uranium dust in the Nuclear Fuel Complex, Hyderabad

*69. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(a) whether it is a fact that in the Nuclear Fuel Complex, Hyderabad, air is thick with Uranium dust;

(b) whether it is also a fact that inhaled Uranium dust leads to lung burden and even lung cancer or other deadly side effects; and

(c) if so, what preventive measures have been taken by Government to avoid health hazards for the employees?

Procurement of rice by FCI in Andhra Pradesh

*70. SHRI C. RAMACHAND-
RAIAH:
SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA
NAHATA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether lack of adequate procurement of rice by the Food Corporation of India (FCI) added to problems of Andhra farmers; and

(b) if so, the measures taken to solve the problems of the farmers?

Growth rate of Economy during Ninth Plan

*71. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the focus of the Ninth Five Year Plan (1997-2000) was on accelerated growth recognising a special role for agriculture for its stronger poverty reduction and employment generating effects; and

(b) if so, the growth rate of the economy, growth of agricultural sector, reduction in number of people below poverty line and growth in employment generation during each year of the Ninth Five Year Plan and Plan as a whole?

Impact of terrorist attack in U.S.A. on cyber space in the country

*72. SHRI R.P. GOENKA:
SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have analysed the likely impact of the terrorist attacks in the USA on 11th September, 2001 on information technology sector in the country, particularly in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details of the analysis and the conclusions drawn; and

(c) the preventive measures taken to protect computer network of Government and Financial Institutions from any on line attacks, including specific steps for upgrading firewalls and intrusion detection systems to keep malicious hackers out?

Safety norms in NFC, Hyderabad

*73. PROF. A. LAKSHMISAGAR:
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the workers in the high radiation zone within the Nuclear Fuel Complex, Hyderabad, are grossly ill-equipped to face the radiation;

(b) if so, whether Government have made any inquiry into the matter to ensure the strict adherence to the safety standards; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

New Tourism Policy

*74. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recent study conducted by the World Travel and Tourism Council has urged India to act now or miss out on

both international and domestic tourism;

(b) whether Government propose to formulate and implement a new tourism policy;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to encourage domestic as well as international tourism?

Foodgrains stored in FCI godowns

†*75. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA:
SHRIMATI SAVITA
SHARDA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of wheat, rice and paddy stored in the godowns of the Food Corporation of India as on the 30th September, 2001;

(b) the amount spent annually on storage of the said commodities;

(c) whether it is a fact that 1.5 lakh tons of foodgrains stored in these godowns become unfit for consumption each year; and

(d) the quantity of foodgrains spoiled in the godowns of the Food Corporation of India during the last five years and the market value thereof?

Tourism Promotion Task Force

*76. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to set up a Tourism Promotion Task Force;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith its terms of reference; and

(c) the fresh steps taken by Government to contain the impact of sharp decline in tourist traffic in the country in the wake of the recent terrorist's strikes?

Production in telecom industries

†*77. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH
'LALAN':

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that production is going on in the telecom industry of the country;

(b) if so, the value of the items produced by the industry during the years 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001; and

(c) the year-wise break up of the telecom products exported and imported during these years?

Post offices in Gujarat

*78. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new post offices sanctioned and set up in the rural areas of Gujarat during 2000-2001, district-wise;

(b) the time-bound programme in this regard; and

(c) the places where no post offices have been set up so far and whether they fulfil the prescribed criteria for setting up of new post offices?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Impact of terrorist attacks on Tourism Sector

*79. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTA-CHARJEE:
SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the flow of tourism has sharply declined in the recent months following September 11, terrorists attack in the United States;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the loss in foreign exchange earnings;

(c) whether Government have prepared/proposed to prepare a contingency plan for the revival of tourism in the country in the coming months; and

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

Rent revision for the residence of Indian High Commissioner in UK

*80. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rent of residence of Indian High Commissioner in UK was revised by renewing the lease for 65 years effective from 1990;

(b) if so, the financial involvement of Government of India in the renewal;

(c) whether similar exercise has been done for revising the rent of 2, Rajaji Marg, New Delhi, which is leased to the British High Commissioner; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

NEW DELHI;
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Kartika 25, 1923 (Saka)

R.C. TRIPATHI,
Secretary-General.

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