

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Wednesday, the December 22, 2004/Pausa 1, 1926 (Saka)*

**(Ministries: Defence; Home Affairs; Non-Conventional Energy Sources; Power;
Rural Development; Textiles; Youth Affairs and Sports)**

Total number of questions — 20

Repeal of Armed Forces Special Powers Act

*301. SHRI MANOJ BHATTA-
CHARYA: Will the Minister of HOME
AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are
considering a proposal to repeal the Armed
Forces Special Powers Act from entire
Manipur as a major step to restore
normalcy and peace in the N.E. Region;

(b) whether the view- point of the State
Government of Manipur has been
ascertained in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the
response of the State Government thereto?

Protection of the domestic silk industry

*302. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA:
SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be
pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware
that the Chinese are using new methods to
dump their silk into this country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that due to
dumping of silk by the Chinese, the
domestic silk industry has been affected
drastically; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government
to protect domestic silk industry?

Internal security

*303. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI:
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be
pleased to state:

(a) what measures on the ground have
Government taken to track the reported co-
operation among domestic extremist
groups in various States and the external
groups in Pakistan, Bangladesh and Nepal;

(b) whether Government have clear-cut
policy to deal with such matters

endangering country's internal security;
and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Categorisation of Orissa as B-1 State

*304. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Chief
Minister of Orissa has made a request to
categorize Orissa as a B-1 State in line with
three of its neighbours to enable it to get
Central assistance at a higher ratio;

(b) whether he has also asked for
creation of a Corpus Fund for meeting
expenses relating to security related
matters; and

(c) if so, the status of these proposals
and the time-frame within which these
proposals would be cleared?

Assistance by International agencies

*305. PROF. ALKA BALRAM
KSHATRIYA:
SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

Will the Minister of RURAL
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether international agencies like
World Bank and Asian Development Bank
are assisting the State Governments for
drinking water and sanitation schemes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Central Government is also
providing financial assistance for drinking
water and sanitation in various States
including Gujarat under some guidelines;
and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Opening of sports academy

†*306. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI:
Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS
AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in view of
Paucity of resources in the States, the
Ministry of Sports had formulated a scheme
to open a sports academy;

(b) the State-wise position of the said
sports academy; and

(c) the number of States wherein the
players are planned to be trained with
scientific methods?

Abductions by ULFA

*307. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the
Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased
to state:

(a) what is the number of persons
reported to have been abducted by the
members of United Liberation Front of
Assam during the last two years;

(b) how many of them have been freed/
killed during that period; and

(c) whether it is a fact that a few NRIs
are still in the custody of the United
Liberation Front and if so, the details
thereof and steps taken for their release?

Dope testing system in India

*308. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS
AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India's system
for dope-testing is faulty and is open to
manipulation; and

(b) the details of dope-testing of Ms.
Sanamacha Chanu and Ms. Pratima
Kumari before they went to Athens?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Private participation in rural development

*309. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether steps have been initiated by Government for rural development through private sector;

(b) if so, which are the areas identified; and

(c) what are the details of facilities, concessions given to the private sector in this regard?

Girls brought to Delhi and other metro cities

†*310. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the incidents of young girls from Jharkhand being brought to Delhi and other metro cities by luring them;

(b) whether any data are available in this regard; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to check such type of incidents?

Turial Hydro-electric power project in Mizoram

*311. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the status of 60 MW Turial Hydro-Electric Power Project in Mizoram;

(b) the estimated cost of the project and the amount invested so far;

(c) the time and cost overrun, if any and the reasons for the same; and

(d) the scheduled date of completion of the project?

General Jorawar Singh Memorial at Port Blair

†*312. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a memorial has been built by the Army in Port Blair to honour General Jorawar Singh;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that horses of Army are being kept in this memorial;

(c) if so, since when it is happening and whether in order to preserve the sanctity and honour of this memorial, Government propose to give directions to the Army not to use this memorial as a horse-stable; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

Additional power from Central PSUs to Tamil Nadu

*313. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Tamil Nadu Government have made any request for allocation of more power from the Central Power Sector Undertakings recently;

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

(c) the details regarding the total power consumption by Tamil Nadu and its source of power during the last three years; and

(d) the existing energy shortage in Tamil Nadu and the assistance, being rendered by the Centre to make-up shortage?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Amending the IPC and Cr. P.C.

*314. SHRI NAND KISHORE
YADAV:

SHRI BHAGWATI SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to amend the Indian Penal Code and the Criminal Procedure Code; and

(b) if so, what are the sections which are going to be amended?

Celebratory firings at weddings

*315. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of menace of celebratory firings at weddings resulting in many cases of death of innocent people from stray bullets fired on such occasions;

(b) in how many cases offenders were punished and their licences cancelled by Government during the last three years in Delhi;

(c) whether it is a fact that Delhi is home to 60,000 weapon owners of whom 18,000 have not got their licences renewed; and

(d) if so, in what manner Delhi Police's Licensing Department propose to ensure issuing of firearms licences to only those who have proper training to use arms?

Misuse of foreign funding

*316. SHRI N.K. PREMA-CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many political parties or social

organizations of Kerala have been allowed to receive foreign funding;

(b) whether Government observe that the money received through the foreign assistance was used for anti-national activities;

(c) whether any such instances have been brought into the notice of Government from Kerala and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government propose to impose a restraint or restriction on foreign funding in view of its possible misuse?

Release of grants under various rural development schemes

*317. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Government have released grants to various States for schemes of Rural Development;

(b) if so, the details of grants given to States/Union Territories during the last two years; and

(c) what is the method of monitoring these grants by the Central Government?

Crimes in Delhi

*318. SHRI LEKHRAJ BACHANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many instances of murder, robbery, decoities, thefts, burnings and rapes have taken place in Delhi during the last six months;

(b) what are the figures of these crimes during the corresponding period during last year; and

(c) what measures Government are taking or propose to take for curbing these offences?

Power target in Tenth Plan

*319. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether power target set in Tenth Plan is achievable;

(b) if so, what was total target set;

(c) to what extent it has been achieved up till now; and

(d) what will be the total shortage of power at the end of Tenth Plan?

Taking up two projects for voltage stability in Karnataka

*320. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to take up two projects in Karnataka at a cost of Rs. 300 crores to improve voltage stability in Bangalore and the rest of the State;

(b) if so, whether the Power Grid had taken up the above work; and

(c) the details of the project and by when it will be completed?

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YOGENDRA NARAIN,
Secretary-General.

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