

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Wednesday, the April 23, 2003/Vaisakha 3, 1925 (Saka)*

(Ministries: Coal; Defence; Home Affairs; Mines; Non-Conventional Energy
Sources; Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Power;
Rural Development; Textiles)

Total number of questions—20

Allocation under SGRY to Gujarat

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

(a) whether Government have any scheme to launch Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof; and

(c) the funds allocated/proposed to be allocated to the State of Gujarat under the scheme?

Funds allocated for modernisation of Indian Army

*462. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Army has embarked on modernisation through procurement of latest weapons and strategic equipments;

(b) if so, the amount sought and allocated for the purpose;

(c) whether it is a fact that the modernisation process of the defence forces is hampered by scant release of funds;

(d) if so, the reasons for curtailment of funds; and

(e) if not, the amount sought by the defence forces and allocated by Government for modernisation during the last three years, year-wise?

Representation of women in police

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

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Centre has advised States to encourage more representation of women in police through various methods;

(b) whether financial assistance is also provided for the purpose; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Land used for mining on Indo-Pak border

†*464. SHRIMATI PREMA
CARIAPPA:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of farmers whose land was used for land mining during 'Operation Parakram' on Indo-Pak border;

(b) whether it is a fact that the work of removal of these land mines has not been done so far;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(c) whether it is also a fact that even the compensation provided to the farmers is meagre and the livelihood of their families is not possible with the compensation; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to pay adequate compensation to the farmers?

Violation of directives regarding No-Fly zones

*465. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain important buildings and their surrounding areas, were declared as 'No-Fly' zones for security reasons;

(b) if so, when they were declared as such;

(c) whether there have been any violation of directives regarding 'No-Fly' zones; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

Core Groups on Reforms

*466. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that two separate Core Groups on Administrative Reforms and social sector have been set up recently to suggest changes in administrative systems and procedures to speed up the pace of reforms and various policies being implemented by different Ministries to achieve the objectives of the Tenth Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the personnel of the Core Groups, their specific agenda and time-frame fixed for making their recommendations?

Houses constructed in Karnataka

*467. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the assistance limit fixed for rural housing for each house as Rs. 20,000/- in the plains and Rs. 22,000/- for hilly and difficult areas, are insufficient for construction of houses, as the materials costs have increased;

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take in this regard;

(c) the details of amount sanctioned and released to the State of Karnataka under various Housing Schemes for the last three years; and

(d) the details of houses constructed in the State for the last three years?

Police reforms

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

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are seriously contemplating to carry out police reforms;

(b) whether there are some difficulties which hinder these reforms; if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by what time final decision for introducing these reforms is likely to be taken?

Indo-French joint venture on rural development

*469. DR. M.N. DAS:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and France have

signed an agreement in regard to joint venture on rural development;

(b) if so, whether a 170-members delegation accompanying the French Prime Minister during their visit to India have signed this agreement;

(c) if so, the details of the agreement; and

(d) to what extent both the countries have agreed to develop the relations on rural development?

Induction of defence personnel into other branches of Government

*470. SHRI SHANKAR ROY CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce any scheme of lateral induction of Defence Services (officers and personnel below officer rank) into other branches of Government, to provide some career aspirations to Defence Services; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

Revival of NTC mills

*471. SHRI ABHAY KANT PRASAD: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to adopt three-fold strategy to revive the loss making NTC run mills;

(b) if so, the salient features of the proposed strategy;

(c) the details of NTC mills running in losses for the last several years; and

(d) the extent to which the new strategy is going to help in the revival of sick NTC mills?

Project proposals approved under 'Swajaldhara' scheme

*472. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of project proposals approved under 'Swajaldhara' by the National Scheme Sanction Committee, State-wise;

(b) whether any time-frame has been fixed by which the above projects should be completed; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Tripartite agreement for clearing power dues

*473. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the 24 States have signed a tripartite agreement with the Central Government and the Reserve Bank of India to clear dues worth Rs. 37,400 crores;

(b) if so, the main points of the agreement reached;

(c) the total outstanding of State Electricity Boards towards power PSUs like NTPC, NHPC, PGCIL and coal PSUs, upto September 30, 2001;

(d) whether this arrear has again risen upto now;

(e) if so, whether this agreement is only for this amount or up-to-date outstanding amount; and

(f) whether any time limit has been fixed for clearing these dues?

Link of Jaish-e-Mohammed with students

*474. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government could trace the centre of Jaish-e-Mohammed outfit which has been maintaining links with certain students in various parts of our country;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to round-off these elements and stop anti-national activities; and

(c) the details of the progress made so far in this regard?

Hovercrafts used by the Army and Navy

*475. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Army and/or Navy use Hovercrafts;

(b) if so, how many Hovercrafts are inducted in the Army and Navy; and

(c) if not, whether the Ministry intends to induct Hovercrafts in the Army and Navy for their amphibious operations?

Package for SEBs

*476. SHRI GAYA SINGH:
SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have allocated Rs. 40,000 crore as package to reform the State Electricity Boards; and

(b) if so, the details of the package and steps proposed to be taken to reduce the losses of the Boards?

Effect of poverty alleviation programmes

*477. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any assessment as to how the programmes of rural development have cast a positive effect on the percentage of population below the poverty line;

(b) if so, the extent of effect with State-wise break up; and

(c) the schemes Government are thinking to encourage in the rural development affairs associated with technology at the village level?

Teen aged booked under POTA

*478. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that several male members including the teen aged of the poor families, particularly of the erstwhile bonded labourers, in Sonbhadra District of Uttar Pradesh have been booked by the local police under the POTA and other criminal charges;

(b) the steps taken, if any, by Government to varify these cases in order to protect innocents from the oppressions of the evil nexus of the influential erstwhile Lords of these bonded labourers and the local police;

(c) whether similar cases have also been reported from several districts of Jharkhand; and

(d) if so, the steps taken in Jharkhand?

List of BPL families

*479. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN
ZAHIDI:

SHRIMATI N. P. DURGA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court of India has asked the Union Government to file an affidavit in response to an allegation that the Central Government has decided to drastically prune the list of Below Poverty Line (BPL) families in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether the affidavit has since been filed; and

(d) if so, the position taken by Government therein?

Illegal Bangladeshis

*480. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a sizeable concentration of Bangladeshis illegally residing in Delhi, U.P., particularly in Noida and in the States bordering Bangladesh and Bihar;

(b) their estimated number at present, State and U.T.-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to deport them?

NEW DELHI;
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YOGENDRA NARAIN,
Secretary-General.

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