

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 23, 2004/Bhadrapada 1, 1926 (Saka)*

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

Total number of questions — 20

Balika Samridhi Yojna

*381. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the aims and objectives of the Balika Samridhi Yojna; and

(b) the details of the amount allocated and released to Assam under this scheme during the last three years, year-wise and district-wise?

Children's film festival

*382. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of cities hosting children's film festival since 1995;

(b) whether it is a fact that Hyderabad has become a prominent centre for hosting the International Children's Film Festival;

(c) if so, whether Government find any justification in establishing a children's film festival complex at Hyderabad;

(d) if so, whether Government have initiated any move in this direction; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Contract labourers for sanitation work

†*383. SHRI NARAYAN SINGH KESRI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision to impose ban on permanent employment of 'Safai Karamcharis' and decided to appoint contract labourers for sanitation work;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons for appointment of contract labourers for sanitation work in all PSUs like Banks and Airports Authority of India etc;

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(d) whether it is also a fact that the number of 'Safai Mazdoors/Karamcharis' is declining;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the details of the appointment of 'Safai Karamcharis' during the last three years in all Government, Semi Government and Public Sector Undertakings?

UNESCO Funds

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

(a) the details of the funds received or intended to be received from the international institutions like UNESCO for the academic year 2004-05;

(b) what are the schemes which would be benefited from such funds; and

(c) the details of the funds received and utilised under various schemes during the last two academic years?

First generation urban reforms

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

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether present Government's approach to reform in the urban infrastructure and services has been changed and the emphasis would not be on empowering the urban local bodies through implementation of the 74th Amendment of the Constitution instead of the earlier method of reforms;

(b) if so, what are the main changes Government have proposed;

(c) whether Twenty-one States and three Union Territories have signed M.O.A. with the Centre to undertake first generation urban reforms;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken to implement the same?

Shrimp exports to USA

*386. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR:
SHRIMATI. S.G. INDIRA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India's Sea Food exports to the U.S. are under threat;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the U.S. has imposed anti-dumping duties on shrimp imported from India; and

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

Landscape projects

*387. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether DDA is set for a sweeping transformation to pleasant landscapes, modelled on a similar project at Oshodham in Pune; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

Redressal mechanism at DGFT

*388. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to strengthen the redressal mechanism at the Directorate General of Foreign Trade to

unlock Government revenues stuck in the midst of litigations;

(b) if so, the amount locked in litigations and since when; and

(c) the percentage of recovery of such amount during the last three years?

Basic minimum infrastructure in schools

*389. SHRI C. RAMA-CHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the existing school system is deeply flawed in its inability to secure safety of the school going children;

(b) by when the country would get rid of crowded classrooms with inflammable roofing, poor access, no exits, primitive kitchen facilities and at times without drinking water or toilet facilities in the schools; and

(c) the steps proposed to ensure the basic minimum infrastructure in order to prevent deaths of students?

Impact of flood development schemes in NER

*390. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the major on-going development schemes in North Eastern Region have been badly affected by recent floods in the region;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the extent of cost escalation due to floods; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to implement the schemes as per the schedule?

Subsidy to sugarcane producers by USA and EU

†*391. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH:

DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that America and other European countries grant subsidy to sugarcane producers;

(b) if so, the average annual subsidy reported to have been granted by the said countries during the last three years;

(c) whether it is also a fact that World Trade Organisation has declared such subsidy as illegal; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and whether such subsidy has since been discontinued by these countries after the decision of the World Trade Organisation?

Supply of desalinated water

*392. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have ever worked out the cost of desalinated water supply as drinking water in Urban and coastal cities to meet the shortage;

(b) whether Government would undertake the desalination process to ensure year round supply of drinking water to such cities and towns;

(c) if so, the details thereof and by when; and

(d) the cities selected for setting up of such plants?

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Education as a fundamental right

†*393. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have brought 86th constitutional amendment for making education a fundamental right to all the children of 6-14 years of age group;

(b) whether Government have notified the same in the Gazette on the 13th December, 2002 by enacting it during the year 2002-03;

(c) if so, whether any Central legislation has been enacted as required for this purpose after the above constitutional amendment;

(d) whether any directives have been issued to the States for making any arrangements under Article 21A of the Constitution; and

(e) the outcome of the action taken so far in this direction?

Revitalization of the NEC

*394. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that revitalization of the NEC has been identified as a "THRUST AREA";

(b) if so, whether Government have received any recommendations in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Atrocities on SCs/STs in Madhya Pradesh

†*395. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of atrocities registered in Madhya Pradesh under the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989; during the last three years, district-wise;

(b) the number of cases in which prosecution was initiated, district-wise;

(c) the number of accused in these cases who were found guilty and punished by the court; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to prevent atrocities on the persons belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the State?

Outstanding dues of Doordarshan

*396. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:
SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA:

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

(a) whether Doordarshan has decided to boost revenue by getting back some of its outstanding dues from the well known producers who owe it; and

(b) if so, the dues involved and the follow up action Government have taken to recover it?

Affairs of Central Wakf Council

*397. SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the present Members and Secretary of the Central Wakf Council fulfil the terms and conditions of appointment, mentioned in the Central Wakf Council Rules;

(b) whether any amendment has been made after framing of these rules under the Wakf Act 1995, for appointment/regularization of the Members and Secretary;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Members and Secretary are eligible for getting pension from any other Department, as well as full salary from the Central Wakf Council; and

(e) if not, whether Government would probe in the matter wherein any person of the Central Wakf Council is getting these benefits?

Mid-day meal scheme

†*398. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any scheme to provide mid-day meal to the children in Government schools in the various States;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the steps taken by Government to implement this scheme in

those Government schools where it has not been implemented so far?

Exports from SEZs

*399. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the exports from the Special Economic Zones (SEZs) in the years 2002-03 and 2003-04;

(b) the share of the exports from SEZs in the overall exports; and

(c) the details of the proposals to expand SEZ mechanism to boost the manufacturing and exports?

Poverty ratio

*400. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any significant decline in the poverty ratio during the last five years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, year-wise and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the target set for the Tenth Five Year Plan for reduction in poverty ratio and the steps proposed to be taken to achieve the same?

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