

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Friday, the November 23, 2001/Agrahayana 2, 1923 (Saka)*

(Ministries: Agriculture; Chemicals and Fertilizers; Environment and Forests;
Food Processing Industries; Human Resource Development; Ocean
Development; Railways; Science and Technology; Steel;
Youth Affairs and Sports)

Total number of questions—20

Fixation of support price of Agricultural products by States

*81. SHRI N. K. PREMA-
CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of
AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a
decision to authorise the State
Governments to fix the support price of
Agricultural products which do not get the
expected price and the loss suffered would
be shared by the State Governments and
the Central Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have allotted
any amount to any State to sustain
the loss;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government propose to
allot any fund to Kerala for compensating
the loss of Support Price; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Policy for writing text books

*82. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the
Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has
been drawn to the news item appearing in
the Sunday Times of 28th October, 2001,
under the caption, "NCERT set to rewrite
unity in diversity" and

(b) whether Government would
announce a transparent policy on syllabus
making and the names who are selected for
writing text books?

Recruitment norms for Kendriya Vidyalaya and Navodaya Vidyalaya teachers

*83. DR. ARUN KUMAR
SARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be
pleased to state:

(a) the recruitment norms being
followed in selection of teachers for
Navodaya and Kendriya Vidyalayas,
including holding of written test, indicating
details of such tests held during the last
three years; and

(b) how the standardisation of results
of various universities is practiced for
rationality as well as to screen out the
product of fake universities?

Nutrition Fund

*84. SHRI B. J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have taken a decision for creation of a Nutrition Fund;
- (b) if so, what is the allocation for the Fund and how much has been spent so far in different States;
- (c) who is the target end user of this Fund; and
- (d) in what form this is going to reach the target user?

B.G. line upto Rozi Peak and Bedi Bunder in Gujarat

*85. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Gujarat Maritime had paid necessary charges for final survey of broad gauge line upto Rozi Peak and Bedi Bunder;
- (b) if so, the details of the survey; and
- (c) by when the work is likely to commence?

Production of cheaper urea

*86. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that imported urea is cheaper than that produced in our country;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) what steps Government have taken to make the production of urea cheaper in the country?

Adverse impact of transfers in KVS

†*87. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) what is the transfer policy of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan;
- (b) whether it is being implemented; if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether it is a fact that studies of the children were adversely affected on account of frequent transfers by the administration during the last academic session; and
- (d) whether Government would issue directives to stop unnecessary and before time transfers; if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

ICAR Foot-and-Mouth Research Centre in Kashmir

*88. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there was a proposal to set up a Foot-and-Mouth Research Centre in Kashmir by the Indian Council for Agriculture Research; if so, whether ICAR has set up the same; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Doubling the track of Konkan Railways

*89. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) how many trains are run on the Konkan Railways;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) whether the number of trains is few and slow and if so, whether it is because of single track;

(c) whether it is a fact that even the Rajdhani Express running from Delhi to Trivandrum is always late by a couple of hours; and

(d) if so, whether Government have any plan to double this important line in the near future?

National Agriculture Insurance Scheme in Bihar

†*90. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bihar Government has sought certain clarifications from the Central Government with regard to implementation of National Agriculture Insurance Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are considering to dispose of this matter at the earliest;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Ban on Urea exports

*91. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in The Financial Express dated 30th October, 2001, under the heading, "Ban on Urea export has fertilizer majors reeling";

(b) if so, Government's reaction in this regard; and

(c) the details of corrective steps taken or proposed to be taken in the context of fertilizer industry's demand for lifting ban to export Urea?

Retention price of Urea

*92. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the fertilizer industry has been badly affected due to revised retention prices of Urea;

(b) if so, whether FAI (Fertilizers Association of India) have pointed out several issues to Government which have adversely affected the fertilizer industry;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the remedial measures Government propose to take in this regard?

Water supply in Delhi

*93. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Supreme Court has expressed shock over Delhi Government's failure to make the "Yamuna" pollution free, whereby deterioration of water quality had become a serious health hazard to the Capital's 1.38 crore people;

(b) whether the Central Pollution Control Board has also pointed out that Yamuna contains coliform beyond the permissible level of 5,000 per 100 ml. and dissolved oxygen in the water was still "NIL"; and

(c) if so, what preventive measures the Central Government propose to take to ensure unpolluted water supply to the people of Delhi?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Demerger of Namrup Unit from HFC

*94. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 652, given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th July, 2001 and state:

(a) whether a decision on the proposal for demerger of Namrup unit from Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation (HFC) into a separate corporate entity has been taken; and

(b) if so, what modalities have been worked out by Government to implement the decision?

Starvation deaths in Andhra Pradesh and Orissa

*95. DR ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of starvation deaths reported during the Kharif season in the country, especially in Andhra Pradesh and Orissa;

(b) whether drought hit farmers raided FCI godowns in drought hit areas; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to distribute stocks with Government to the starving farmers?

Loss to DMS from intact return milk

*96. SHRI R. S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that monetary loss from the intact return milk is about 50 per cent of the total losses of DMS during the last 18 months;

(b) if so, the details of milk and these losses, month-wise, on account of poly film wastage, electricity, manpower, fat and SNF reprocessing etc.;

(c) whether Government have received any complaints on this issue but no action has been taken against the officers responsible therefor; and

(d) whether intact return milk is not inherent in milk supply; if so, the reasons for not taking any action?

Revival package of Vizag Steel Plant

*97. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the current status of revival package of Vizag Steel Plant of Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Ltd., in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) the reasons for the inordinate delay in implementation of the revival plan of this steel plant?

Cleaning up the balance sheet of IDPL

*98. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN: SHRI GAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to take a series of measures to clean-up the balance sheet of Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Ltd. (IDPL), as a prelude to its privatisation; and

(b) if so, what are these measures?

Railway bridges in Karnataka

*99. SHRI K. C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how many railway bridges in Karnataka are in distress condition;

(b) whether Government have taken any action to replace them; and

(c) if so, the amount provided for replacement of these bridges during 2001-2002?

Revival of SSPL

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

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer

to answer to Starred Question 187, given in the Rajya Sabha on the 3rd August, 2001, and state:

(a) whether, in response to winding-up notice by BIFR, M/s. SSPL, M/s. Smith Stanistreet Pharmaceuticals Ltd., had forwarded a revival scheme, approved by its Board;

(b) whether the same was discussed in joint meeting held by IIBI on 15th October, 2001;

(c) whether, in the meeting, Government did not offer any comments on the proposal;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken by Government, in consultation with SSPL Management and IIBI, to prepare a workable scheme within a month to ensure revival of SSPL?

NEW DELHI;
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R. C. TRIPATHI,
Secretary-General.

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