

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Wednesday, the November 23, 2005/Agrahayana 2, 1927 (Saka)*

(Ministries: Commerce and Industry; Defence; Home Affairs; Non-Conventional Energy Sources; Power; Rural Development; Textiles)

Total number of questions — 20

Demand for greater Nagaland

*1. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a persistent demand on the part of Naga leaders for the formation of a greater Nagaland with parts of the territories from Manipur, Arunachal Pradesh and Assam and if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto;

(b) whether there has also been a demand for a separate State comprising of the Garo Hills, if so, details thereof; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by Government to address the problems of the tribal people in the North-Eastern Region so as to retain them as citizens of the Indian Union with equality and dignity?

Bomb blasts in Delhi

*2. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI :
SHRI S. ANBALAGAN :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of persons killed and injured in serial blasts in the Capital on the 29th October, 2005;

(b) how much compensation has been given to each of the affected person and the steps taken for their rehabilitation; and

(c) whether Government have since identified the organization behind this dastardly act and if so, the details and action taken to arrest them?

State Police Acts

*3. SHRI SANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of States which have enacted State Police Acts;

(b) whether the State of Goa or the Government of erstwhile Government of the Union Territory of Goa, Daman and Diu had sent any draft legislation of Goa Police Bill; and

(c) if so, the details of the same ?

Emphasis on hydro power in new power policy

*4. SHRIMATISUKHBUNS KAUR:
Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the new power policy

contemplates a shift in the emphasis from thermal to hydro power;

(b) whether the actual achievement of hydro power capacity addition was dismal being only 1,435 MW against a target of capacity addition of 2,585 MW during 2004-05; if so, what were the main reasons for the sluggish performance;

(c) since Punjab, J&K, Himachal Pradesh, Uttaranchal and North East Region hold rich promise for hydro power; what special efforts were made to augment hydro power in these areas; and

(d) what special efforts were made and incentives offered to attract private sector investments in hydro-electric projects and with what results?

National Identity Cards

*5. SHRI KARNENDU
BHATTACHARJEE :
SHRI GIREESH KUMAR
SANGHI :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any time bound programme envisaged for issuing National Identity Cards to all citizens in the country;

(b) if so, the criteria of citizens to be covered under the scheme;

(c) the amount involved to implement such a scheme on a massive scale; and

(d) how would it help the security of the country?

Indo-US joint exercise at Kalaikunda, West Bengal

*6. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a joint exercise by Indian and the US Air Force has been conducted

at Kalaikunda in West Bengal since 7th November, 2005;

(b) if so, the broad details of the purpose of the exercise;

(c) the year-wise details of joint military exercises conducted by Indian Defence Forces with those of friendly countries both in India and overseas during last three years; and

(d) the details of the primary benefits presumed to be accruing to the Indian Defence Forces by dint of such joint exercises?

Rural Electrification Programme

†*7. DR. PRABHA THAKUR : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) the details of schemes formulated by Government for implementing rural electrification programme on priority basis;

(b) whether the rural electrification programme is being implemented in remote areas in many States particularly in the bordering villages in each District/Tehsil at a very slow pace;

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to expedite the said programme in bordering villages; and

(d) the details of minimum standard prescribed for the electrification of the bordering villages?

Export of black pepper

†*8. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA :

SHRI PYARELAL
KHANDELWAL :

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

(a) whether it is a fact that black pepper is exported to many countries from India;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of export of black pepper from India during last three years; and
- (d) the amount of foreign currency earned by the country from the export of black pepper during this period ?

New Commission to look into Centre-State relations

*9. DR. KARAN SINGH :
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

- (a) whether Government are considering to have a new Commission to deal with the issues concerning Centre-State relations;
- (b) if so, to what extent this Commission will be different than the earlier one;
- (c) what are the number of issues that will be considered by this Commission;
- (d) by when this Commission is likely to be formed; and
- (e) by when it is likely to submit its report?

Shortage of power

*10. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is acute shortage of power in the country and Government have failed to achieve the target of supplying adequate power to various States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether Government are considering strengthening the NTPC for generation of more power in various parts of the country and if not, the reasons therefor?

Recovery of shells in Garhmukteshwar

*11. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that shells had been recovered from the Ganga at Garhmukteshwar; and
- (b) whether it is also a fact that a magisterial probe was ordered into the Bhushan Steel Blast Case?

World Bank assistance for Bharat Nirman Scheme

*12. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that recently the World Bank has been approached for assistance to part-finance the Bharat Nirman project aimed at scaling up the rural infrastructure in irrigation, roads, water supply, housing, rural electrification, rural connectivity etc.; and
- (b) if so, the details of the proposals made and commitments received, if any, from the World Bank?

Assistance to farmers affected by floods in Uttaranchal

*13. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken by Government to provide assistance to the farmers affected by devastating floods and land-slides in Uttaranchal;
- (b) the extent of loss of agriculture and forest trees, etc. in the State by the floods and land-slides this year; and
- (c) whether Government have provided full relief assistance demanded by the State Government for facing this calamity?

Aid provided to earthquake affected people of Pakistan

*14. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India and Pakistan have agreed to open 5 points in the Indo-Pak Border to assist the earthquake affected people of Pakistan near Muzaffarabad; and

(b) if so, what is the total quantity of aid which has been provided by the Government of India to the earthquake affected people of Pakistan?

Raising of battalions of CRPF

*15. SHRI PYARIMOHAN MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have a programme for raising 60 battalions of CRPF in the near future;

(b) if so, in view of the Maoist-Leninist incursion into northern and central Orissa, is it being contemplated to open at least one Group CRPF Centre in Orissa; and

(c) whether considering the availability of infrastructure at the defunct FCI Talcher and its strategic location next door to the activities of Maoist-Leninist, will Government consider opening a Group CRPF Centre by raising 3 additional battalions in Orissa at that place?

National Rural Health Mission

†*16. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:

SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of villages where the National Rural Health Mission

scheme has been implemented alongwith the date of its enforcement;

(b) the number of villages where female Accredited Social Health Activists have been appointed;

(c) the special measures taken by Government to ensure the presence of doctors on duty in village hospitals and the availability of medicines to women; and

(d) the arrangements made by Government for the monitoring of the National Rural Health Mission?

Promotion of textile exports

*17. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given any incentives to the textile sector to promote exports during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of value of exports made by the country during this period?

Promotion of non-conventional energy sources

*18. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN:
MAULANA OBAIDULLAH
KHAN AZMI:

Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes for promotion of non-conventional energy sources in the country;

(b) what is the role of the Central Government and the State Governments in their promotion;

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(c) what incentives are being given to end users; and

(d) what were the targets for the Tenth Plan and what are the achievements and shortfalls?

NHRC's recommendations on post-quake measures in J&K

*19. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Human Rights Commission has made a series of recommendations to the Centre on post-quake measures in Jammu and Kashmir; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

Electricity-deficient/surplus States

*20. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI:

SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of electricity-deficient and electricity-surplus States;

(b) the tariff of electricity in various States, State-wise/UT-wise;

(c) what is the total demand of electricity in the country and what is its availability at present; and

(d) the schemes to meet the electricity requirements?

NEW DELHI;
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N.C. JOSHI,
for Secretary-General.

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