

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 24, 2002/ Vaisakha 4, 1924 (Saka)*

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

Total number of questions—20

Water scarcity in Secunderabad Cantonment Board area

*441. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA
RAO:
DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be
pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a
severe water crisis in the Secunderabad
Cantonment Board area;

(b) if so, the reasons for irregularities in
water supply in the Cantonment area; and

(c) the action proposed to solve the water
problem there?

Task Force for development of barren land

†*442. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH
'LALAN':
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of RURAL
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have
constituted any Task Force for the
development of barren land in the country;

(b) if so, when this Task Force was

constituted, the names of its members and
their qualifications in the field of land
reforms; and

(c) by when, this Task Force has been
asked to submit its recommendations?

Delegations/NHRC's visit to Gujarat

*443. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:
SHRI BHAGATRAM
MANHAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number
of teams/delegations and Ministers have
visited the various parts of Gujarat to make
on-the-spot assessment of damage during
the recent riots;

(b) whether the National Human Rights
Commission (NHRC) have also visited the
State;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) what are the details of reports
submitted by each group; and

(e) what is the reaction of Government
on the reports submitted by those groups/
delegations?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Meetings of Inter-State Council

*444. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of meetings Inter-State Council held during the last year;

(b) the subjects which were discussed and the recommendations made;

(c) the details of recommendations which are yet to be implemented;

(d) if so, by when those recommendations will be implemented; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Unemployed persons in rural areas

†*445. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH
'LALAN':

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any estimate of the unemployed persons in the rural areas of the country;

(b) if so, what was their number at the end of Ninth Five Year Plan; and

(c) the time-frame fixed by Government to provide job to each of them?

Implementation of the recommendations of Expenditure Reform Commission

†*446. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has constituted an Expenditure Reform Commission to give recommendations with regard to reducing extravagance in his Ministry/ Departments;

(b) if so, the recommendations made by the Commission so far;

(c) the details of recommendations yet to be implemented by his Ministry/ Departments and reasons for not implementing the same till date; and

(d) by when the same are likely to be implemented?

Power projects in Rajasthan

*447. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) how many power projects have been executed in the State of Rajasthan during the last three years;

(b) the financial and other details thereof;

(c) what is the capacity of each of these power projects; and

(d) by when they are likely to start commercial production?

BPL in rural areas

†*448. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH
'LALAN':

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of persons living below the poverty line in the rural areas has not been reduced in 90s as per targets because of lack of the availability of employment opportunities;

(b) if so, what is Government's assessment in this regard; and

(c) the number of persons living below the poverty line in the rural areas at the end of Ninth Five Year Plan?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Funds for accelerating power reforms

*449. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMA-CHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Finance Ministry is considering to provide more funds for accelerating power reforms in the States;

(b) if so, whether this will be in addition to the budget provisions of Rs. 4,000 crore sought by his Ministry;

(c) whether these funds will be invested in the States under the new Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme; and

(d) if so, to what extent the new programme will help in meeting demands of the States?

Power generation from non-conventional energy sources

*450. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the total power generation capacity added through various non-conventional energy sources in the year 2000-2001;

(b) the share of wind, solar and tidal power in the total power generated through these sources;

(c) what are the various incentives given to private power producers in setting up non-conventional energy power projects; and

(d) the amount sanctioned and spent in this regard?

Revision in the order of Warrant of Precedence

*451. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering a revision in the order of Warrant of Precedence; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Construction of roads under PMGSY in Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh

*452. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the allocation for Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojna (PMGSY) scheme for the last two years;

(b) how much money was actually released under the above allocation;

(c) how many roads in kms. were sanctioned against above allocation;

(d) what has been the expenditure so far against the amount released; and

(e) how many sanctioned roads have since been started/completed and are in progress?

Shortage of Coal during Tenth Plan

*453. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the Tenth Plan Draft the coal demand of the country in 2006-2007 is projected at 511 million tonnes;

(b) if so, whether there will be shortage of coal as per this report;

(c) whether the private investment will become inevitable; and

(d) if so, whether Government have taken any step in this regard, if so, the details thereof?

**Central assistance to Andhra Pradesh
for old age pension**

*454. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in Andhra Pradesh old age pension under Central Pension Scheme is being paid as Central assistance only and the State is not contributing anything towards this, whereas most of other States are contributing and paying old age pension at higher rates;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons cited by State Government in doing so; and

(c) whether Government propose to increase Central assistance to the State so as to enhance old age pension?

**Formula for power allocation from
Central Power Stations**

*455. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Rajasthan has been demanding review of the allocation formula for power allocation from Central Power Stations;

(b) if so, how far the power requirement of the State falls short under the present formula;

(c) on what lines the formula is sought to be reviewed; and

(d) the Government's response thereto?

Probe into Godhra incident

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

(a) whether Government of Gujarat has

set up an inquiry to probe the Godhra incident which had resulted in killing of hundreds of innocent persons in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the name of the Judge who would head that Inquiry Committee; and

(c) what are the terms of reference of the said Committee and by when its report is likely to be received?

**Statutory Development Board for
Konkan**

*457. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that State Government of Maharashtra is requesting his Ministry from time to time for the establishment of separate Statutory Development Board for Konkan;

(b) if so, Union Government's response thereto and the steps taken in this regard; and

(c) the reasons for the delay?

**Security infrastructure in ordnance
depots**

†*458. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a lack of security infrastructure in ordnance depots in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to formulate any scheme for modernisation of security infrastructure of these ordnance depots?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Proposal to run the Dabhol Power
Plant by NTPC**

*459. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) is considering a proposal to run the Dabhol Power Plant; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Financial status of State Electricity
Boards**

*460. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN:
Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the latest financial status of each State Electricity Board as on 31st December, 2001;

(b) how much money is due to the State Electricity Boards payable by the respective State Government/Union Territory; and

(c) how Government propose to help them?

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R. C. TRIPATHI,
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