

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on

Wednesday, the July 24, 2002/Sravana 2, 1924 (Saka)

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

Total number of questions—20

Selection of roads under PMGSY

†*141. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 4482 given in the Rajya Sabha on 8th May, 2002 and state:

(a) the criterion for selection of roads under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana and whether all the 22 roads in Sultanpur District have been selected according to that criterion;

(b) whether Government are aware that influential people of the districts succeed in inclusion of less important roads in the said Scheme whereas more important roads such as Galibaha—Chamurakha—Jafarpur road with canal route are still to be sanctioned by the district panchayat; and

(c) whether Government propose to issue instructions to the concerned authorities to include the said roads in the scheme which is beneficial to 15-20 villages?

Induction of Sukhoi 30 MKI jets into the IAF

*142. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the IAF have received its first batch of Sukhoi 30 MKI Jet fighter from Russia ;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the SU 30 aircrafts already in service with the IAF will also be upgraded to a multi role configuration; and

(c) if so, the details of this induction and modification in order to meet the present threat from Pakistan?

Demand and supply of Bauxite

*143. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the total estimated quantum of Bauxite and Bentonite in the country and the production of Bauxite and Bentonite as on 31st March, 2002, State-wise, particularly in Saurashtra-Kutch region of Gujarat;

(b) the details of demand and supply of Bauxite in the country at present; and

(c) the quantity of Export and Import of Bauxite at present?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Journals on Defence and strategic studies in Hindi

† *144. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is dearth of magazines and journals in Hindi language in the field of defence and strategic studies;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government are implementing any scheme to provide information in Hindi with respect to matters related to defence;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, whether Government have any proposal in this regard?

Equipment for receiving radio messages through Radar system

*145. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some equipments are available in international weapons market that help to pinpoint the origin of transmission and receiving of any radio messages with the help of radar systems;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to acquire such equipments to help it combat terrorism; and

(c) if not, whether DRDO and other Indian agencies have been instructed to develop such equipments?

Water Conservation and Wasteland Development in Karnataka

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

(a) the details of amount sanctioned and released by the Central Government to Karnataka for the past three years under Water Conservation and Wasteland Development programmes;

(b) whether Karnataka has fully utilised the amount earmarked by the Centre; and

(c) if so, the details of the progress of the above programmes in the State?

Good-will allowance under Tehri Hydro Power Project

† *147. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 4469, given in the Rajya Sabha on 8th May, 2002 and state:

(a) whether any team of officials was sent for investigations by the Central Government; and

(b) if so, the recommendations thereof alongwith Government's comments thereon?

Rehabilitation of Gujarat riot victims

*148. DR. MANMOHAN SINGH: SHRI RUMANDLA RAMA-CHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the rehabilitation package worked out by the Government of India for the victims of the recent communal riots in Gujarat;

(b) the amount of money allocated and disbursed for housing and for starting of business; and

(c) the steps taken to ensure assistance to the riot affected families on the basis of objective criteria and for avoiding any scope for discrimination?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Search operations at IAF Station,
Aya Nagar**

†*149. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be
pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an internal
inquiry has been ordered to investigate the
exact sequence of events that led to an alert
and extensive search operations regarding
four armed persons reportedly seen moving
around the Indian Air Force Station in Aya
Nagar, Delhi on 2nd June, 2002;

(b) if so, what is the outcome of the
inquiry; and

(c) the steps being taken to improve the
security in IAF Stations?

**Pilot Sector Programme for drinking
water**

*150. SHRI N. K. PREMA-
CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of
RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to
state:

(a) how many districts in Kerala have
been selected by Government to implement
the Pilot Sector Reforms Programme on
drinking water;

(b) whether these districts have achieved
the required progress as stipulated by
Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government propose to
include more districts of Kerala into the
Programme; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Coal scam through linked consumers

*151. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the
Minister of COAL AND MINES be
pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Coal India
Limited has admitted coal scam through
linked coal consumers leading to huge
losses; and

(b) if so, how Government propose to
curb the menace?

**Production of bio-diesel and edible oil
from wasteland**

*152. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH:
Will the Minister of RURAL
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of
the news-item captioned, "Producing bio-
diesel on wasteland" and "Drought-tolerant
tree for wastelands" which appeared in 'The
Hindu' on the 15th and 20th June, 2002;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that as per
scientists, the development of 30 million
hectares of wasteland can be a source of
employment and a boon in manufacture of
bio-diesel or good quality edible oil; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken by
Government to make it a reality?

Mine accidents

†*153. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI:
Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES
be pleased to state:

(a) the number of mine labourers trapped
and killed in different mines of the country
during the last three months;

(b) the amount of compensation paid to
next of kin of the deceased killed in coal
mine accidents during the above period;
and

(c) the additional security measures
taken to ensure the safety of mining
work?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Agreement with NSCN (IM)

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

(a) whether Government is heading towards an agreement with the NSCN (IM) within a short time;

(b) if so, whether the demand for greater 'Nagaland' as being promoted by the NSCN (IM) is proposed to be conceded to; and

(c) if so, what are the measures taken to contain the popular sentiments of the people of other North Eastern States, particularly Manipur?

Transmission and distribution losses of State Electricity Boards

*155. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that while in 2000-2001 the total losses of State Electricity Boards were Rs. 20,220 crores and within a year it jumped to Rs. 26,000 crores;

(b) if so, is it attributable to transmission and distribution losses as is generally made out while in actual practice it is theft of power; and

(c) what measures Government is adopting to gradually eliminate these losses within a predetermined time-frame so that India may not sink deeper into the quagmire of power cuts and higher tariffs?

Schemes for the development of weavers

†*156. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes being

implemented by Government for the development of weavers;

(b) whether the benefits of above schemes are reaching the weavers;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) what steps are being taken by Government to ensure that the benefits of schemes announced by Government reach directly to weavers?

VRS package for employees of BGML

*157. DR. VIJAY MALLYA:
SHRI JANARDHANA
POOJARY:

Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 3533 employees of Bharat Gold Mines Limited (BGML) would be offered a special VRS package;

(b) if so, the details of the package thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry has also extended option of shifting of employees to other Departments, which are in need of manpower; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Al-Quaieda activities in Jammu and Kashmir

*158. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN:
SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any report regarding the Al-Quaieda activities in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(c) whether the U.S. Government has proposed joint operation against Al-Quaieda in Jammu and Kashmir;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken in this regard?

Constitution of a Tribunal for redressal of grievances of armed forces personnel

*159. SHRI B. J. PANDA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to constitute an Administrative Tribunal for speedy redressal of grievances of armed forces personnel as appeared in the 'Times of India' of 13th June, 2002;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the existing forum available for redressal of their grievances and what type of shortcomings have been detected in this system;

(d) what would be the constitution of the proposed Tribunal and whether a time-frame would be laid down for disposal of the cases filed before this Tribunal; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

World Bank study on Jharia Coalfield fire

*160. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Bank made an exhaustive study of Jharia coalfield fire in 1996 at an estimated cost of Rs. 700 crores and submitted its Report to the Coal Ministry but the Government have not taken any action on the Report so far;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) what are the findings of the Report; and

(d) by when Government is likely to act on this Report?

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R.C. TRIPATHI,
Secretary-General.

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