

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Wednesday, the August 24, 2005/Bhadrapada 2, 1927 (Saka)*

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

Total number of questions —20

New Commission to look into Centre- State relations

*401. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN:
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be
pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government
have proposed to set up a new Commission
to look into the Centre-State relations;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the draft terms of reference of the
Commission; and

(d) whether the States have been
consulted in the matter?

Creation of Telangana State

†*402. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI:
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be
pleased to state:

(a) what special benefits are likely to
accrue to the country if a separate
Telangana State is created;

(b) whether request has been made to
Government for the creation of Telangana
State; and

(c) what steps Government have been
taking in this regard?

Investments in domestic aviation sector by PIOs and NRIs

*403. SHRIMATI PREMA
CARIAPPA:
SHRIMATI KAMLA
MANHAR:

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

(a) whether Department of Industrial
Policy and Promotion (DIPP) have allowed
Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs) and Non-
Resident Indians (NRIs) to invest upto 100
per cent in domestic aviation sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have received
some representations for non-implementation
of above policy decision; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken to issue
directive to concerned Ministries/
Departments and State Governments
clarifying Government's stand on FDI by
PIOs in aviation sector under FEMA?

NTC mills in Andhra Pradesh

*404. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR
SANGHI:
SHRIMATI VANGA
GEETHA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be
pleased to state:

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(a) the number of National Textile Corporation (NTC) Mills located in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the profits and losses of these mills during the last three years; and

(c) whether any NTC mills have been referred to BIFR during the last three years?

FDI in retail sector

*405. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to carve out retailing into separate categories and propose to allow FDI into the sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have asked the Consumer Affairs Department to prepare a detailed note on organized retail sector; and

(d) if so, the status thereof?

Pharmaceutical exports

*406. SHRI C. RAMA-CHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total export of pharmaceuticals to foreign countries during the last one year;

(b) the names of first ten pharma companies who have achieved maximum export orders of pharmaceuticals; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take for companies in their plans to export more pharma stock?

Eradication of rural poverty

*407. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any long term measures for total eradication of rural poverty of the country;

(b) if so, the target year, if any;

(c) what is the actual figure of rural poverty in India today;

(d) whether such figure is higher in STs and SCs than other communities; and

(e) if so, Government's plan to tackle the problem?

Sugar import from India by Pakistan

†*408. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: SHRI R.S. GAVAI:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that recently Pakistan Government has lifted the ban on sugar import from India and now Government are considering to export the sugar;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when this export will start and the quantity of sugar being considered to be exported every year?

Exempting SEZs and EO units from Labour Laws

*409. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Planning Commission has recommended that Special Economic Zones, Export-Oriented units and large Special-Economic Zones should

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be given exemption of complying with provisions of some of the Labour Laws;

(b) if so, the details of provisions that Planning Commission wish to exempt for above zones;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Planning Commission has recommended for amending some of the labour laws on priority; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Installation of wind farm in coastal areas

*410. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had made a study on renewable and non-renewable sources of energy to find possibilities of installing wind farm in coastal areas to meet its energy requirements;

(b) if so, the details of such study undertaken by Government in each district in various States; and

(c) the action taken by Government in this regard so far?

Homeless persons in the country

†*411. DR. FAGUNI RAM: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of homeless persons in the country;

(b) the circumstances in which these persons live during rainy season, extreme cold and hot weather conditions;

(c) the number of houses given every year by Government to these homeless persons through Indira Awas Yojana; and

(d) whether any time-limit has been fixed by when houses would be made available to all homeless persons?

Projects submitted by Tamil Nadu Government

*412. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Tamil Nadu have submitted fiscal projects following the tsunami-hit and drought situation in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details of each project together with value; and

(c) the details of projects sanctioned against the State Government's request?

Review of Armed Forces (Special Power) Act, 1958

*413. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Committee headed by Justice B.P. Jeevan Reddy to review the Armed Forces (Special Power) Act, 1958 has submitted its report and if so, the salient features of the recommendations; and

(b) whether any decision has been taken on those recommendations and if so, the details thereof and if not, by when decision is likely to be taken?

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Criminal charges against forest officers of IFS cadre

*414. SHRI SURENDRA LATH:
SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that pursuant to Sikkim High Court order dated 5th December, 1996 in writ petition No. 43 of 1996, the Superintendent of Police of Sikkim, East District framed serious criminal charges on 4 section of IPC against some Forest officers of IFS cadre;

(b) whether it is a fact that in-charge officer requested for prosecution sanction from State Government against them long ago; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the Apex court has settled the law that prior sanction is not required for such cases for prosecution?

Paucity of Central Forces

†*415. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI:
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is paucity of Central Forces to prevent terrorism from across the border and to contain the incidents of terrorism;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are considering to increase the strength of Central Forces; and

(d) if so, to what extent and by when the recruitment will be made?

Increase in crimes in Delhi and NCR

†*416. SHRI AJAY SINGH CHAUTALA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number in all types of crimes has increased in Delhi and NCR in the last six months;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have failed in controlling said crimes and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the concrete measures being taken to check crime in Delhi?

Demographic statistics of the last Census

*417. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have analysed the demographic statistics of the last Census and drawn any projections for the growth of population in the country in the next few decades;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to reorient the process of planning in the light of projected growth of population?

Crimes in Bihar during President rule

†*418. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether it is a fact that crimes in Bihar during the President rule have been reported to have increased tremendously;

(b) if not, the number of incidents relating to kidnapping, murders and dacoities that have taken place in Bihar during the period mentioned above;

(c) the number of persons who have been arrested in connection with these incidents; and

(d) the number of cases which have been filed in courts in connection with the incidents mentioned above?

**Allocation for construction,
development and upgradation
of roads in border areas**

†*419. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated by the Centre to the concerned States since 2000-01 till date for construction, development and upgradation of existing roads in border areas

between India and neighbouring countries; and

(b) the State-wise amount released in comparison to the amount allocated alongwith the details of the expenditure incurred and physical achievements made?

**Computerization of land records in
U.P.**

*420. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many districts of Uttar Pradesh have computerized their land records;

(b) how much money has been sanctioned by Government so far and how much money has been utilized by the U.P. Government so far; and

(c) what is the reason for slow pace of Centrally-sponsored scheme on computerization in U.P. and how Government is monitoring same with the results thereof?

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YOGENDRA NARAIN,
Secretary-General.

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