

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Thursday, the November 24, 2005/Agrahayana 3, 1927 (Saka)*

(Ministries : Prime Minister; Agro and Rural Industries; Atomic Energy; Coal;  
Communications and Information Technology; External Affairs; Labour  
and Employment; Ocean Development, Overseas Indian Affairs;  
Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Planning; Science  
and Technology; Shipping, Road Transport and Highways;  
Small Scale Industries; Space; Statistics and Programme  
Implementation; Urban Development;  
Youth Affairs and Sports)

Total number of questions — 20

#### Public consultation on Right to Information Act

\*21. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:  
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to  
state:

(a) whether Department of Personnel  
and Training despite assurances did not  
initiate public consultations on the rules  
and guidelines before implementation of the  
Right to Information Act; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

#### National Highways in Kerala

\*22. SHRI N.K. PREMA-  
CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of  
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND  
HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of projects seeking  
financial assistance to improve the National  
Highways in Kerala pending with  
Government for sanction;

(b) the amount of funds allotted to  
Kerala for the improvement of National  
Highways during the current year and the  
details of the projects; and

(c) the present stage of Kollam bypass  
in Kerala and the proposed plan for the  
implementation of subsequent phases?

#### Agreement with Malaysia

\*23. SHRI KARNENDU  
BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of  
COMMUNICATIONS AND  
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be  
pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Malaysia have  
agreed to strengthen the cooperation in the  
information and communication technology  
sector; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### Utilization of employment exchanges

\*24. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH  
KHAN AZMI:  
SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND  
EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that now-a-days,  
employment exchanges in the country are

playing little role in getting employment to the educated unemployed; and

(b) if so, in what manner Government propose to utilize these employment exchanges in a more fruitful manner?

#### **Projects under MPLADS**

\*25. SHRI SANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to enact a legislation to regulate recommendation, sanction and execution of projects under MPLADS;

(b) whether existing guidelines are proposed to be amended; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Municipal Solid Waste Energy Projects**

\*26. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have taken any steps to set up 'Municipal Solid Waste Energy Projects' in urban areas of our country in order to reduce environmental pollution and to generate additional energy;

(b) if so, the total financial allocations for this project, State-wise;

(c) whether Government's target has been achieved, so far; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the total power being generated through this scheme annually?

#### **Progress of road projects**

\*27. SHRI RAASHID ALVI:  
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been reported that inspite of Prime Minister's thrust on infrastructure, road projects in the country are not progressing well;

(b) if so, whether progress report on all major highways upgrade plans are marked red, with work either at a complete standstill or moving at snail's pace, way behind schedule;

(c) whether the biggest problem seems to be land acquisition, followed by contractual failures;

(d) if so, what are the other main reasons; and

(e) what steps Government propose to take to remove these hurdles and to what extent present Government have been able to expedite the completion of these projects at the scheduled time?

#### **Production/sale of Khadi products**

†\*28. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:  
SHRI SURENDRA LATH:

Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether production/sale of Khadi products in the country has declined;

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

(c) the steps taken or being taken by Government to raise the production/sale of Khadi in the country;

(d) the quantum of production and sale

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raised due to the steps taken so far and the basis of growth in the future; and

(e) the number of employment opportunities created in the Khadi industry during the last three years?

#### **Plan for rural infrastructure**

\*29. SHRI B. J. PANDA:  
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister has unveiled a big plan for rural infrastructure;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the share of the Orissa State out of this, indicating *inter-alia* the details of infrastructure development that would be taken up in rural areas of the State under the above project?

#### **Information acquired by China**

†\*30. SHRI PYARELAL  
KHANDELWAL:  
PROF. R.B.S. VARMA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently, China acquired vital information by breaking into India's sensitive information system;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) Government's reaction thereto; and

(d) the measures taken by Government to prevent the recurrence of such incidents?

#### **Indo-US nuclear agreement**

\*31. SHRI MOOLCHAND  
MEENA:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI  
REDDY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the first agreement on nuclear embargo signed in Washington with India will help India to develop nuclear policy;

(b) if so, whether there are many loopholes in this agreement;

(c) whether this agreement does not recognize India as a nuclear weapon State nor commits US to sell fuel for Tarapur;

(d) if so, to what extent this nuclear pact between India and US would be helpful; and

(e) what steps are being taken to implement the agreement?

#### **Impact of boom in the mobile industry**

\*32. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that after so much boom in the mobile industry, the network for these mobiles is creating problem;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to cope up with this problem?

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### **Draft maritime policy**

\*33. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether draft maritime policy was circulated for suggestions and opinion;

(b) whether Water Transport Workers Federation of India has opposed the policy on the ground that the large scale induction of private sector in ports would weaken the country's sovereignty and independence; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to address the issues?

### **Prime Minister's talks with Pakistan President**

\*34. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister had a telephonic conversation with the President of Pakistan and he asked him to stop the terrorist activities in India from Pakistan;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the President of Pakistan has asked the Prime Minister to intimate the proofs in this regard; and

(c) Government's reaction in this regard?

### **Implementation of minimum wages**

\*35. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Supreme Court has held recently that 'equal pay for equal work' is not for the daily wage earners; and

(b) if so, the steps Government are

taking for implementation of minimum wages to the wage earners?

### **Nuclear technology agreement with USA**

\*36. SHRI C. RAMA-CHANDRAIAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the nuclear technology agreement signed by the Prime Minister during his visit to the US, recently;

(b) the progress made so far on the technology;

(c) whether it is a fact that the US Government has asked India to separate the military and civilian nuclear installations;

(d) if so, the time frame by which it has to be done; and

(e) the details of the response of the Indian Government?

### **Single All India tariff**

\*37. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) what exactly is the concept of 'India One';

(b) whether it is a fact that Government are thinking of having a single all India tariff;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is also a fact that Cellular Operators Association of India is opposing the concept of Single All India Tariff; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

### Encroachment of land

†\*38 DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that encroachment of the land under the National Highways is still going on;

(b) if so, whether Government have formulated any policy to prevent this encroachment;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to make Government land free from encroachment and to ensure prevention of its recurrence?

### Budget for R & D

\*39. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:  
SHRIMATIMOHSINA KIDWAI:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of our budget earmarked for Research and Development in relevant areas with a view to keeping ourselves abreast of latest technological

innovations happenings all over the globe;

(b) whether Government are thinking of out-sourcing Research and Development work to specialized centres where capabilities exist for taking our technology to match the global standards; and

(c) to what extent the findings of the recent World Investment Report released by UNCTAD would be useful in updating technology in India?

### Subsidy to BSNL

\*40. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. (BSNL) receive any subsidies and benefits/ discounts in fees and levies which private telecom operators are subject to;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether Access Deficit Charges (ADC) is classified as a subsidy being provided only to BSNL; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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

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