

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Monday, the July 25, 2005/Sravana 3, 1927 (Saka)*

(Ministries : Culture; Development of North-Eastern Region; Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises; Human Resource Development; Information and Broadcasting; Law and Justice; Mines; Parliamentary Affairs; Social Justice and Empowerment; Tribal Affairs; Urban Development; Urban Employment and Poverty Alleviation)

Total number of questions —20

#### Ban on smoking scenes in films

\*1. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:  
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Health Minister's directive to ban smoking scenes in movies and advertisements has been considered by his Ministry;

(b) whether Government have issued any instructions to strictly follow the above directive in TV serials and films including foreign channels and films;

(c) if not, the reasons and justification therefor;

(d) whether the above directive to black-out tobacco scenes is unworkable and it has also been opposed by the Film Industry; and

(e) if so, the alternative measures being considered by Government in this regard?

#### Utilization of funds under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan

\*2. SHRIS. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds allocated annually for implementation of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan since its inception, State-wise and year-wise;

(b) the unspent funds, if any, returned by the States, State-wise and year-wise;

(c) whether Government have ascertained the reasons for failure of the concerned State(s) to utilise the funds;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, reasons therefor?

#### Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme

†\*3. DR. CHHATRAPAL SINGH  
LODHA:  
PROF. R.B.S. VARMA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to include some cities under the Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for small and medium towns for their beautification and renovation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount allotted for this purpose?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Reduction of seats in Andhra Pradesh**

\*4. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that AICTE has reduced 1,220 MCA seats and about 4,000 Engineering seats in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the academic year from which the reduction would be operational?

**Regularization of illegal colonies in Delhi**

\*5. SHRI HARISH RAWAT:  
SHRI K. B. KRISHNA MURTHY:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chief Minister of Delhi has urged upon the Central Government to regularize illegally constructed colony viz. Sainik Farms;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) Government's policy for regularizing illegal colonies/constructions in Delhi?

**Setting up of FM radio stations**

\*6. SHRI B. J. PANDA:  
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to allow around 330 private radio stations in the near future;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how far this would help in generating additional employment opportunities?

**Development of National Capital Region**

\*7. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that in the last meeting of the National Capital Regional Planning Board, development of another new township-Shahjahanpur, Neemra and Behror in Rajasthan was considered;

(b) if so, whether the NCR Board have adequate financial resources to provide necessary infrastructure facilities to this new township;

(c) whether NCR is aware that its commitment for provision of Ganga-water supply to six Trans-Hindon colonies of Ghaziabad, like Suryanagar, Ramprastha, etc. has not been fulfilled due to lack of financial resources; and

(d) if so, the reasons for not giving priority to the existing commitments instead of taking up new liabilities?

**Reservation on religious basis**

†\*8. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:  
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to implement the reservation policy in the sphere of education on the basis of religion;

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(b) if so, the facts in this regard; and  
 (c) the religions identified for reservation and the institutes approved for the purpose?

#### **Housing schemes in Maharashtra**

\*9. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes and policies of HUDCO for resolving housing problem in various parts of the country;

(b) the details and the number of HUDCO housing projects completed in Maharashtra during the last three years;

(c) whether there are any projects under HUDCO's consideration to resolve the housing problem in the State of Maharashtra; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Review of laws relating to women**

†\*10. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the date on which the last review of the laws relating to women were carried out; and

(b) the details of the laws covered under this review alongwith the outcome thereof?

#### **Fast Track Courts**

\*11. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:  
 DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to run 1560 Fast Track Courts for the next five years;

(b) whether the Fast Track Courts would continue to function under the present arrangement and would entail an outgo of Rs. 509 crore over five years beginning from April 1, 2005; and

(c) if so, to what extent these Fast Track Courts have been helpful in reducing the burden of long pending cases in the High Courts?

#### **Child education**

\*12. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to take over the responsibility of education to all the children of age group six to fourteen years irrespective of the financial capability of their parents;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the manner in which hundred per cent education would become possible?

#### **Performance of Government Schools**

\*13. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have assessed the overall results of CBSE, both of 10th and 12th class;

(b) if so, what has been the performance of the Government Schools *vis-a-vis* the public schools in Delhi, other metros and rural areas on the other hand; and

(c) whether Government are contemplating any corrective action in light of the assessment to improve performance of the Government schools?

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### **Prohibition of dowry**

†\*14. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:  
SHRI JANARDAN DWIVEDI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court has made a suggestion to Government to make such a provision which would make it mandatory for all male Government employees to furnish a statement on whether they have accepted dowry and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government would make any such provision for the common people also so that the evil practice of dowry may be eradicated;

(c) if so, by when; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Metro rail services**

\*15. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a proposal has been formulated to make metro rail a part of the public transport system for all major cities having a population of over 50 lakhs; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, including an outline of the plan if any, drawn up, for execution over the next ten years, the States which have opted for and the cities identified for creating the metro infrastructure and the pattern of funding evolved therefor?

### **National Urban Renewal Mission**

\*16. DR. KARAN SINGH:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Urban Renewal Mission, covering seven mega cities, 30 smaller cities and other important urban centres, would give a major boost to social housing and encourage the States to address the issues of repeal of the Urban Land Ceiling Act, the Rent Control Act and reduction in rates of stamp duty;

(b) if so, whether this proposal has been submitted to Government for its approval;

(c) if so, to what extent these proposals have given a boost to housing in the country; and

(d) whether National Urban Renewal Mission has been one of the most important features of development of these proposed cities?

### **Vacant shops under Directorate of Estates**

\*17. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:  
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the shops belonging to Directorate of Estates lying vacant in New Delhi as on date indicating their reserve prices and since when these are lying vacant alongwith the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government have any policy to allot shop to the retired Government employees on concessional rates and if not, the reasons therefor; and

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(c) whether there is any proposal to formulate such a policy as in the case of residential accommodation?

**Backward classes among minorities**

\*18. SHRI BALAWANT ALIAS BAL APTE: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of backward class people among minorities indicating the reasons for their backwardness;

(b) the remedial measures taken by Government for eradication of their backwardness; and

(c) whether Government would keep in mind these points while providing reservation to the minorities?

**Review of Tenth Five Year Plan by UGC**

†\*19. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:  
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the University Grants Commission has

completed a review of the Tenth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, when was it completed and the period of the plan which was included in the review;

(c) the facts regarding achievements of the targets set under the plan;

(d) whether any recommendations have been made regarding improvement in its implementation in future; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Ban on showing of film**

†\*20. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:  
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER  
SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that after a strong protest the showing of "Jo Bole So Nihal" film had been stopped in a number of States;

(b) if so, the names of such States; and

(c) the reasons for not imposing a ban on showing of this film anticipating a strong protest thereto?

NEW DELHI;  
*The 19th July, 2005*  
*Asadha 28, 1927 (Saka)*

YOGENDRA NARAIN,  
*Secretary-General.*

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## **I N D E X**

(Ministry-wise)

<b>Culture</b>	: —
<b>Development of North-Eastern Region</b>	: —
<b>Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises</b>	: —
<b>Human Resource Development</b>	: 2, 4, 8, 10, 12, 13, 14, 19,
<b>Information and Broadcasting</b>	: 1, 6, 20,
<b>Law and Justice</b>	: 11,
<b>Mines</b>	: —
<b>Parliamentary Affairs</b>	: —
<b>Social Justice and Empowerment</b>	: 18,
<b>Tribal Affairs</b>	: —
<b>Urban Development</b>	: 3, 5, 7, 15, 16, 17,
<b>Urban Employment and Poverty Alleviation</b>	: 9.