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 25, 2004/Bhadrapada 3, 1926 (Saka)

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

Total number of questions — 20

Electrification of villages in Uttar Pradesh

- *421. SHRI BHAGWATI SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:
- (a) the details of villages in Uttar Pradesh where electrification is yet to be done;
- (b) the details of Government's rural electrification scheme; and
- (c) by when electrification work in all the villages in Uttar Pradesh will be done by Government?

1000 MW power plant in Maharashtra

- *422. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that NTPC had decided to set up a 1000 MW power plant at Mauda in Nagpur district of Maharashtra and so far about Rs. one crore has already been spent;
- (b) the present status of this power project and by when it is likely to be completed; and

(c) the total deficit of power in Vidarbha and Marathwada regions of Maharashtra and what steps are proposed to be taken to meet the total demand?

Crimes in metropolitan cities

- †*423. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government propose to take any effective steps to deal with increasing crimes in metropolitan cities;
- (b) if so, the schemes being formulated for this purpose; and
- (c) the details of the steps being taken to implement the schemes?

Dabhol Power Project

- *424. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government of Maharashtra has submitted a proposal to restart the Dabhol Power Project;

[†]Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

- (b) if so, the details thereof, indicating power tariff payable by Government of Maharashtra and Central Government organisations to the consumers; and
- (c) the financial viability of the project?

New strategy to tackle naxalite menace

- *425. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government are evolving a new strategy following the recent meet of State Chief Secretaries and DGs to tackle the growing menace of naxalism in various States:
- (b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Centre;
- (c) whether the Indian naxal groups have links with foreign elements; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

Criminal acts of Delhi Police personnel

- †*426. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) the details of criminal acts committed by the police personnel in Delhi between January 1, 2004 to July 31, 2004.
- (b) how the figures compare with those of the last year; and
- (c) the details of the steps Government are taking to curb the incidents of criminal acts being committed by the police personnel in Delhi?

Problems of powerloom owners in Maharashtra

- *427. SHRI SANJAY RAJARAM RAUT: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government are aware that powerloom owners in Maharashtra are facing problems and seeking Central Government's help; and
- (b) if so, the details of effective steps taken for the benefit of powerloom sector in Maharashtra?

Special Modernisation Fund for textile industry

- *428. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have set up a Special Modernisation Fund for the entire textile industry to help it face international competition;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the quantum of loans and grants, separately that will be given; and
- (d) the details of other facilities Government propose to give to the textile industry to meet foreign competition?

Steps taken for flood affected people

*429. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that floods have played havoc in Bihar, Assam and other parts of India due to excess rain water flow from higher lands;

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- (b) if so, the details of the lives, property and crops lost in the flood affected areas:
- (c) the steps taken by Government to mitigate the sufferings of flood affected people; and
- (d) the action taken to prevent floods in flood prone areas?

Killings of old aged persons

- †*430. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government are aware that old aged people are continuously being killed in various parts of the country whereby Government's claim about their security have been exposed;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the measures being taken by Government to protect the old aged people?

Power generation capacity of power plants

- †*431. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:
- (a) the power generation capacity of each power plant in the country with Statewise details thereof;
- (b) the demand and generation of power in the country during each of the last three years; and
- (c) the additional capacity required to meet the demand of power in the country?

Allocation of funds to Chhattisgarh under PMGSY

- *432. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government are aware that Chhattisgarh requires Rs. 550 crores every year for construction of 5000 kms. a year of rural roads under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana;
- (b) if so, whether Government have received any proposal from the State Government and if so, action taken thereon; and
- (c) whether Government would consider allocating more funds to the State for the construction of rural roads to achieve the target in time?

Scheme for upgrading the handloom and handicraft industry

- *433. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:
- (a) whether there is any scheme to upgrade handloom and handicraft industry and technology;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the action taken thereon and funds allotted State-wise for the last three years, yearwise and category-wise;
- (c) whether there is any scheme to upgrade the textile technology;
- (d) if so, the details thereof including the funds provided for the purpose to each institution and the States in which these institutions are located for last three years, year-wise, State-wise and category-wise; and
- (e) the total export of handlooms and other textile products for the last three years, year-wise, State-wise and category-wise?

[†]Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Athens Olympics

†*434. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state the steps taken by Government to increase the medal winning prospects of Indian sportspersons at the Athens Olympics?

Illegal Bangladeshis in Delhi

- *435. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that more than 13 lakhs illegal Bangladeshi nationals are living in Delhi and Delhi Police has shown its inability to deport them:
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether these illegal Bangladeshis are involved in many of the heinous crimes/dacoities in Delhi?

Mathania Solar Energy Plant in Rajasthan

- †*436. DR. NARAYAN SINGH MANAKLAO: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that the installation and construction work of Mathania Solar Energy Plant in Jodhpur district of Rajasthan is pending for more than a decade;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) by when it is likely to be started and completed?

Compensation to the BSF bus bomb blast victims

*437. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) how much compensation was offered to the victims of Jammu and Kashmir bomb blast in a BSF bus;
 - (b) the details thereof; and
- (c) what steps have been taken by the Central Government to ensure the speedy and just delivery of the compensation package to the victims?

Modernisation of Indian Navy

*438. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: SHRI C. RAMA-CHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have taken steps to modernise the Indian Navy keeping in view the increased strategic and economic importance of Indian Ocean and hostile postures of some of its neighbours; and
- (b) whether modern ships have been added to Indian Navy and aged ships have been phased out?

Increase in custodial deaths

*439. SHRIMATI JAMANA DEVI BARUPAL: DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the custodial deaths in various States are on increase;

[†]Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

- (b) if so, the State-wise total number of custodial deaths that have occurred from 2003-04 to 2004-05;
- (c) whether Union Government are considering any legislation to check increase in custodial deaths in various States;
- (d) if so, whether Government have discussed this issue with the State Home Ministers; and
- (e) if so, what are the steps being considered in this regard?

Rural development prosperity through connectivity (RUPCON)

- *440. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether a multi-pronged plan for ushering in rural development prosperity through connectivity (RUPCON) has been unveiled;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that "10 immediate missions" to achieve the goals of rural development are proposed to be set up; and
 - (c) if so, the details thereof?

New Delhi; *The* 19th August, 2004 *Sravana* 28, 1926 (Saka) YOGENDRA NARAIN, Secretary-General.

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