

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Thursday, the August 25, 2005/Bhadrapada 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; Youth Affairs and Sports)

Total number of questions — 20

#### Approval to NCLP for Thane and Solapur

\*421. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR:  
SHRI DATTA MEGHE:

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

(a) whether Government had accorded approval to the National Child Labour Projects under the Child Labour (P&R) Act, 1986 for Thane and Solapur in 1995 and for 11 other districts in the years 2003 and 2004;

(b) if so, the details thereof, the facilities and support provided to child labour thereunder and the number of children covered in Maharashtra under the scheme;

(c) whether Government of Maharashtra has proposed some more districts in the State to be covered under the National Child Labour Projects;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) Government's reaction thereto?

#### Provision of telephones in tribal villages of Andhra Pradesh

\*422. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the tribal villages have been provided with telecommunication facilities in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof, location-wise and district-wise;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government have set any target to provide said facilities to all the tribal villages in Andhra Pradesh?

#### Exemption from toll tax

†\*423. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Rajasthan has requested for providing exemption to the Parliamentarians and the

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Legislators from payment of toll tax on National Highways in Rajasthan; and

(b) if so, by when such exemption would be provided?

#### **Assistance sought by Karnataka**

\*424. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Karnataka has sought assistance for upgradation of existing Tool Room and Training Centre at Hassan and for improvement of productivity and quality of Kolhapuri footwear cluster at Athani, Belgaum district, under the Small Industry Cluster Development Programme; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard and the Central Government's reaction thereto?

#### **Pending irrigation projects**

†\*425. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:  
SHRI JANARDAN DWIVEDI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of pending irrigation projects to make availability of water for irrigation of agricultural land;

(b) the amount needed for remaining period of Tenth Plan and the Eleventh Plan period to solve the problems of pending irrigation projects, development of waste land and drought affected areas, State-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that the States have refused to contribute for big projects in the meeting of the National Development Council; and

(d) if so, in what manner Government propose to manage and make provisions of funds for the above projects?

#### **Payment of compensation to Indians by Myanmar**

\*426. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI:  
SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2275 given in the Rajya Sabha on 12th December, 2002 and state:

(a) the details of meetings held between India and Myanmar since 2003 onwards on the issue of payment of compensation to Indians by Myanmar;

(b) the details of cases settled and those not settled, so far;

(c) the steps being taken for early settlement of the remaining cases; and

(d) by when all the cases are likely to be settled?

#### **Privatisation of employment exchanges**

\*427. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Planning Commission has suggested privatising employment exchanges and suggested that the Employment Exchanges Act should be amended to allow private employment exchanges to provide jobs, placement services to both private and public sector establishments;

(b) if so, whether poor coverage of employment exchanges followed to capture the chances in employment are the reasons behind the proposal of the Commission;

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(c) if so, whether Government have considered the proposal made by the Planning Commission in their mid-term appraisal; and

(d) if so, by when a final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

#### **VPTs in Bihar**

†\*428. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of inhabited villages in Bihar on the basis of population in the year 2001 and the number of villages where the landline service has been made available alongwith the total number of telephones provided there; and

(b) the details of Government proposal to make the telephone services available in remaining villages which are without landline telephones?

#### **Mobile towers in Bulandshahr**

†429. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA:  
DR. CHHATRAPAL SINGH  
LODHA:

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

(a) the number of applications seeking mobile connection from B.S.N.L. lying pending all over the country;

(b) the number of mobile towers proposed by B.S.N.L. in Bulandshahr district of Uttar Pradesh and by when these would be set up; and

(c) the number of places in Bulandshahr district where proposal for setting up of mobile towers or telecom centres are under consideration?

#### **Talent from rural areas in sports**

†\*430. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to lack of sufficient means of sports in the rural areas, the country is deprived of emerging talents;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have formulated any plan to tap the talents from the rural areas;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Funds allocated to sports schools**

†\*431. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated to the sports schools during the last three years, State-wise; and

(b) the names of schools which have utilised full amount and whether the reasons for not spending the amount have been reviewed in case the abovesaid amount has not been spent?

#### **Rehabilitation of child labour**

\*432. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Mumbai Police rescued more than 250 children by raiding the premises of SSI units where they were engaged as labour;

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(b) if so, the details thereof including those of the SSI units detected which had engaged child labour and since when;

(c) the current status of the child labourers, so rescued;

(d) the finding of survey conducted, if any, of SSI and other units for detection of child labour; and

(e) the details of the policy, if any, for rehabilitation and subsistence of child labour after their disengagement from occupations?

#### **Revival of Hindustan Shipyard Ltd.**

\*433. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the measures Government are taking to revive the Hindustan Shipyard Ltd.;

(b) whether any proposal has been submitted by the State Government of Andhra Pradesh for revival of Hindustan Shipyard;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is also a fact that Hindustan Shipyard has recently got an order to build 30,000 tonnes capacity DWT bulk carrier ships; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Action against officers demanding dowry**

\*434. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of any media reports that in Rajasthan marriage market, IAS, IPS and IRS officers command the highest price at over Rs. one crore in cash besides gold gifts and flashy weddings;

(b) whether this is in accordance with Government's conduct rules; and

(c) if not, the steps Government propose to bring home the provision in the conduct rules and the concerned officers?

#### **Coal reforms**

\*435. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM: DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to address the issue of coal sector reforms, immediately;

(b) whether Finance Minister addressing media has pointed out after stock taking of Government's economic performance a year after it came to power, that power sector could not record higher growth due to shortage of coal;

(c) if so, what are the proposed reforms to be considered in regard to coal;

(d) whether any concrete policy has been framed and prepared; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and by when a final decision in starting coal reforms are to be initiated?

#### **Exploitation of Indian workers abroad**

\*436. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to take measures to curb exploitation of Indians taking up overseas employment;

(b) if so, whether Government have also started taking stringent action against recruiting agencies found guilty of cheating Indians taken to the Gulf with promises of employment;

(c) if so, whether the Minister during his recent visit to UAE, his first hand feel of condition of Indians had convinced him that unscrupulous recruiting agencies were responsible for miseries that some Indians, especially labour class, face there; and

(d) if so, what steps Government have taken or are likely to take to protect that interests of Overseas Indians which are being exploited in many countries?

#### **Extradition treaty with Bangladesh**

\*437. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI:  
SHRI R. KAMARAJ:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Bangladesh have agreed on signing an extradition treaty between them;

(b) if so, by when it has been planned to implement the same;

(c) the details thereof; and

(d) if not, reasons therefor?

#### **Nehru Yuva Kendras in Gujarat**

\*438. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Nehru Yuva Kendras functioning in Gujarat at present, location-wise; and

(b) the details of the programmes run by these Kendras during the last three years and thereafter along with performance of these Kendras in the State?

NEW DELHI;  
*The 19th August, 2005*  
*Sravana 28, 1927 (Saka)*

#### **Upgradation of State Highways in Tamil Nadu**

\*439. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided not to take up upgradation of State Highways into National Highways;

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

(c) whether Government would consider taking up National Highways upgradation projects in Tamil Nadu in view of the importance of the roads?

#### **Registration of SSIs**

†\*440. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:  
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that almost 70 percent units of small scale industries are those where capital of less than five lacs rupees has been invested;

(b) if not, the estimate of Government in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that majority of these small scale industries are not even registered;

(d) if so, the reaction of Government thereto;

(e) whether Government have taken any measures at national level to register all such units; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

YOGENDRA NARAIN,  
*Secretary-General.*

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