

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Tuesday, the February 26, 2002/Phalguna 7, 1923 (Saka)*

**(Ministries: Civil Aviation; Commerce and Industry; Finance; Petroleum  
and Natural Gas; Tourism and Culture; Water Resources)**

**Total number of questions—20**

#### **Contract engineers in EIL**

\*1. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI:  
Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND  
NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to  
answer to Unstarred Question 1802 given  
in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th August,  
2001, and state:

(a) whether 50 per cent of vacancies/  
requirements of management trainees will  
be filled on an annual basis from contract  
engineers as decided by the Board of  
Engineers India Limited (EIL);

(b) if so, the number of contract  
engineers who have been recruited/  
absorbed by the management of EIL as  
on 31st January, 2002 and if not, the  
reasons for delay in re-instating these  
contract engineers; and

(c) whether Government would absorb  
all the contract engineers within a time-  
bound programme and if not, the reasons  
therefor?

#### **Deposits with commercial banks**

\*2. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the  
Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a sharp  
decline in deposits with the scheduled  
commercial banks;

(b) whether the fall in deposits is direct  
impact of recent decision to cut down the  
interest rates on deposits; and

(c) if so, whether Government would  
reconsider the interest structure in these  
banks in order to attract more deposits?

#### **VRS for Associate Banks of SBI**

\*3. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will  
the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to  
state:

(a) whether it is a fact that various  
employees of the associate banks of the  
State Bank of India who have submitted  
their applications for VRS on 31st March,  
2001, have not been considered as  
10 per cent of the staff strength despite  
clear instructions issued by Government  
in this regard;

(b) if so, the details of such employees  
whose applications have not been  
considered by the banks, bank-wise and  
region-wise;

(c) by when the remaining applications  
are likely to be considered in view of the  
instructions; and

(d) by when VRS policy is likely to be  
opened again for the employees?

**Scam in Krushi Urban Co-operative Bank in Andhra Pradesh**

\*4. SHRI K.M. SAIFULLAH:  
DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a fresh scam of over compensation of some depositors in Krushi Urban Co-operative Bank in Andhra Pradesh has come to light;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken against the erring officials for their involvement in the scam?

**Revision of freight charges by IBP**

†\*5. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN:  
Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that IBP company had taken a decision to increase freight charges for the transporters of Delhi in its meeting held on 29th November, 2001;

(b) if so, since when the said increase came into effect;

(c) the names and addresses of the transporters whose freight has been increased and the outstanding amount paid to each of them;

(d) the names and addresses of the transporters whose outstanding amounts have not yet been paid with details of outstanding amount of each of such transporters; and

(e) by when all transporters will be paid their dues?

**Recapitalisation of co-operative banks**

\*6. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:  
Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Bank for Agricultural and Rural Development (NABARD) has demanded Rs. 6000 crores for recapitalisation of co-operative Banks to ensure adequate credit flow; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

**Economic growth**

\*7. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMA-  
CHANDRA REDDY:  
SHRI RUMANDLA  
RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Economy grew by just 4 per cent last year" which appeared in The Times of India dated the 1st February, 2002;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government declared 5.2 per cent growth of economy during 2000-01 and 6.4 per cent during 1999-2000;

(d) if so, in what manner it has now been declared only 4 per cent growth and how far agricultural and other products were affected during the period; and

(e) the steps being taken by Government to improve the economy?

**Anti-dumping cases**

\*8. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have initiated anti-dumping cases against several foreign companies during 2001;

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(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have since taken any steps to check such dumping in the country which has largely affected the indigenous industries/companies; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Target for export**

†\*9. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH  
'LALAN':  
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that export in the first nine months of the current year has not been made as per the target fixed;

(b) if so, the annual target fixed alongwith the export made so far; and

(c) the name of those ten items exported maximum from the country?

#### **India's share in world exports**

\*10. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that although exports during 2000-2001 rose by 18 per cent to touch \$ 44 billion, yet they were lower than other Asian countries like Indonesia, Thailand, Singapore;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor, indicating India's present share of world's exports;

(c) whether under new medium-term export strategy, Government would be able to achieve the target of annual exports

of \$ 80 billion by 2007 as well as cornering India's share of world exports to 1 per cent; and

(d) whether tax rebates, export subsidies given by Government would stay or India's strategy would be WTO compatible?

#### **Security arrangements at IGIA**

\*11. SHRI ABANI ROY:  
SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the BCAS<sup>+</sup> at IGIA<sup>@</sup> has recently conducted a security audit and recommended steps to prevent serious breach of security;

(b) if so, Government's reaction on such recommendations;

(c) whether the security arrangements around IGIA are inadequate to face any terrorists threat; and

(d) if so, the plans formulated to strengthen the security arrangements around IGIA in the Capital?

#### **Minimum Support Price for coffee**

\*12. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce Minimum Support Price (MSP) for coffee;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the practice of declaring MSP for coffee is likely to start?

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+Bureau of Civil Aviation Security.

@Indira Gandhi International Airport.

### **Instalment of Dearness Allowance**

\*13. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:  
SHRI BHAGATRAM  
MANHAR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the next instalment of Dearness Allowance/ Dearness Relief to the Central Government Employees/Pensioners has become due w.e.f. 1st January, 2002;

(b) if so, the details of increase to be given to the Central Government Employees/Pensioners; and

(c) by when Government will take a final decision in this regard?

### **MoU over Brahmaputra River**

\*14. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has recently been signed between China and India with regard to the Brahmaputra River;

(b) if so, the details and the objectives thereof; and

(c) what follow-up steps Government propose to take to plan and prepare for the floods and also work out water resources development plans in the catchment areas as a result of the proposed agreement?

### **Burden on income tax payers**

\*15. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that

only 2 per cent of the country's population is income tax assessee who pay income tax for the 98 per cent of non-tax paying population;

(b) if so, whether more burden by imposing 2 per cent surcharge on the existing income tax payers is justified;

(c) if not, whether this will encourage people to shy away from becoming honest tax payers; and

(d) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard?

### **World Heritage Sites**

\*16. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have failed to get any of its sites declared as World Heritage Site this year also;

(b) if so, whether it was due to delay in submitting the request to UNESCO;

(c) if so, whether any responsibility for this lapse has been fixed;

(d) if so, the action proposed against those guilty; and

(e) if not, by when it would be done?

### **Allotment of LPG dealership in H.P.**

†\*17. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the allotment of LPG dealership is done arbitrarily by the Oil and Gas Board in the rural/urban areas of Himachal Pradesh;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in the process of allotment of such dealership, SC unemployed graduate ladies and

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widows of martyrs are not considered; if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) in what manner oil/gas is made available in the remote areas of Himachal Pradesh?

#### **Expansion of Oil Refineries**

\*18. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether steps have been taken during the Ninth Five Year Plan to increase the capacity of refineries;

(b) if so, the details of the expansion programmes carried out in that Plan period;

(c) whether production has increased after expansion; and

(d) if so, the refinery-wise details thereof alongwith the projections made for the Tenth Five Year Plan?

#### **Irrigation projects in Karnataka**

\*19. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large

number of irrigation projects pertaining to Karnataka are pending for approval;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these projects were discussed with the State Government in the recent meeting in Bangalore; and

(c) if so, by when these projects are likely to be cleared?

#### **Schemes for enhancing water in Himachal Pradesh**

†\*20. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Centrally sponsored schemes being implemented to assist Himachal Pradesh for enhancing water resources and its exploitation;

(b) the year-wise amount allocated to Himachal Pradesh during the last three years alongwith the amount released, year-wise; and

(c) the State's achievement with regard to preservation of additional water and exploitation of water resources?

NEW DELHI;  
*The 20th February, 2002*  
*Phalgun 1, 1923 (Saka)*

R.C. TRIPATHI,  
*Secretary-General.*

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**I N D E X**  
(Ministry-wise)

<b>Civil Aviation</b>	: 11,
<b>Commerce and Industry</b>	: 8, 9, 10, 12,
<b>Finance</b>	: 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 13, 15,
<b>Petroleum and Natural Gas</b>	: 1, 5, 17, 18,
<b>Tourism and Culture</b>	: 16,
<b>Water Resources</b>	: 14, 19, 20.