

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on

Friday, the July 26, 2002/Sravana 4, 1924 (Saka)

(Ministries : Agriculture; Chemicals and Fertilizers; Environment and Forests;
Food Processing Industries; Human Resource Development; Ocean
Development; Railways; Science and Technology; Steel;
Youth Affairs and Sports)

Total number of questions—20

Loans to small and marginal farmers

†*181. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH
'LALAN':

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE
be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of small and marginal
farmers among the total number of farmers
in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that this percentage
is about 76;

(c) whether it is a fact that small and
marginal section of farmers are being
provided only 27 per cent of total loans being
disbursed for agriculture; and

(d) if not, the annual percentage of loans
extended to this section of farmers during
the last three years?

Computer education in Bihar

†*182. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI:
Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated by

Government for dissemination of computer
education in Central Schools and Colleges
of Bihar during the last three years;

(b) whether the funds allocated to the
State for this purpose have been utilised
during that period;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Explosive devices in reserve forest

*183. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:
Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT
AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether high alert has been sounded
in the Jim Corbett National Park, following
recovery of explosive devices in the reserve
forest;

(b) if so, the number of explosive devices
recovered;

(c) whether an enquiry has been held to
ascertain the facts and nab the culprits;
and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Restrictions on Madarsas

*184. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMA-CHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to put restrictions on Madarsas, as has been done in Pakistan; and

(b) whether Government would have financial control over Madarsas, prescribe their syllabi, etc.?

Formation of Zoo Cadre

*185. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Zoo Cadre, which was proposed to be formed in 1998, has not been formed so far and if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(b) by when it is likely to be formed?

Performance appraisal of CSIR Labs

*186. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have appraised the performance of each and every laboratory under the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR);

(b) if so, the conclusions of the appraising team; and

(c) what action is proposed on these conclusions?

Modernisation of NMDC

†*187. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC) is dependent upon foreign technology and equipments for its survival;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, the steps Government are contemplating to take for its modernisation?

Area under foodgrain cultivation

*188. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the total area under cultivation in the country is coming down, resulting in a sharp decline in agricultural production; and

(b) if so, the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken to solve this problem, by encouraging the farmers to bring more area for cultivation under foodgrain, by providing them incentives under various programmes?

Polluting units in Delhi

†*189. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that polluting units are still operating in Delhi;

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

(c) the number of polluting units out of these which are in the public and in the private sector, separately; and

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(d) by when all the polluting units would be shut down?

Killing of Wild animals

*190. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been an increasing trend in the killing of Wild animals in forests in the country for the last three years;

(b) if so, the State-wise details of cases filed against poachers for killing of tigers, leopards and panthers in the country during the last five years; and

(c) the details of steps proposed to be taken by Government to protect the Wild animals?

Forest cover in Kerala

*191. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the forest cover in Kerala during the last three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that the forest cover in that State is decreasing;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether it has been brought to the notice of Government that there are large scale depletion of rain forests in Idukki district of Kerala by way of encroachments;

(e) if so, whether the Central Government have made any independent assessment of this situation;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the action taken to remedy the situation?

Japanese assistance to clean Yamuna

†*192. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Japan is going to provide financial assistance for Yamuna Action Plan; and

(b) if so, to what extent and by when?

Upgradation of Regional Engineering Colleges

*193. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have recently upgraded some Regional Engineering Colleges (RECs) as National Institutes of Technology (NITs);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the criteria on which the upgradation has been approved; and

(d) whether any agency has been put in place to monitor the functioning of these NITs and if so, the details thereof?

Forest cover in North-Eastern States

*194. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of forest cover in Assam and in other North-Eastern States;

(b) what are the reasons for not taking into account the tea gardens in Assam, full of trees, as forest cover;

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(c) the reasons for which the people in that State, settled in the forest areas even before Independence, are being evicted; and

(d) whether his Ministry would suggest the Assam Government to rehabilitate such evicted people?

Allotment of forest land

*195. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Andhra Pradesh Government has allotted forest lands to private industries, in violation of National Forest Policy and Joint Forest Management guidelines, issued by the Central Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government have taken in this regard?

Train between Anandpur Saheb and Amritsar

*196. SHRI KARTAR SINGH DUGGAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had assured during the Tercentenary Celebration of the Khalsa at Anandpur Saheb that an express train connecting Anandpur Saheb with Amritsar would be introduced soon; and

(b) if so, by when the proposed train is likely to be introduced?

Balika Samridhi Yojana

†*197. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount deposited in the Post Office accounts of the girls living below poverty line under Balika Samridhi Yojana from 1999, till date;

(b) the number of girls benefited, State-wise;

(c) whether Government have considered to double the existing amount of scholarship; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Retirement of KV Teachers and Principals

†*198. SHRI GHANSHYAM CHANDRA KHARWAR: SHRI D. P. YADAV:

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

(a) whether the Teachers and Principals of Kendriya Vidyalayas have been retired prejudicially, for their justified demands during the last five years;

(b) if so, the details of charges against these Teachers and Principals;

(c) whether allegation of going on strike without permission was also levelled against them; if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is a fact that permission is not required for going on strike; and

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(e) if not, the number of strikes resorted to with permission under the Ministry of Human Resource Development during the last five years?

(c) whether Government would consider extending such a grant to the university?

Foundation grant to Manipur University

*199. SHRI RISHANG KEISHING: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Manipur University has ever been granted Foundation grant since its establishment;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

Deputationists in SAI

*200. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the names and details of the deputationists presently working in the Sports Authority of India;

(b) how many of them have been given extension and how many times; and

(c) how many of them are the spouses/ sons etc. of the senior officers?

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R.C. TRIPATHI,
Secretary-General.

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