

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Monday, the November 26, 2001/Agrahayana 5, 1923 (Saka)*

(Ministries: Development of North-Eastern Region; Disinvestment; Health and Family Welfare; Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises; Information and Broadcasting; Law, Justice and Company Affairs; Shipping; Social Justice and Empowerment; Tribal Affairs; Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation)

Total number of questions—20

Prescription of allopathic medicines

†*101. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI:
Will the Minister of HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether doctors of Indian systems
of medicines cannot prescribe allopathic
medicines to patients; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Shortfall in realisation from disinvestment

*102. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA:
Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT
be pleased to state:

(a) the shortfall in realisation from
disinvestment in the last three years;

(b) the estimates for the next two years;
and

(c) the measures being taken to expedite
the disinvestment programme?

Live telecast of Junior World Cup Hockey match

†*103. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH
'SURYA': Will the Minister of
INFORMATION AND BROAD-
CASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that live telecast of
the final of Junior World Cup Hockey
match played in the month of October could
not be made;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any request was received in
this regard from the Indian Hockey
Federation;

(d) whether there are any guidelines
regarding telecast of such important
matches; and

(e) if so, the reasons for their non-
compliance?

State funding of elections

†*104. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI:
Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND
COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee constituted
to consider the matter regarding State
funding of elections has since submitted its
report to Government; and

(b) if so, the details of the
recommendations made by the Committee?

AIDS project in H.P.

†*105. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will
the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had sanctioned Rs. 395.58 lakh for implementation of AIDS-II project in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that Himachal Pradesh has implemented the said project but Government have not released the outstanding amount of Rs. 291.58 lakh to them for which the State Government had also written a letter on December 10, 1999; and

(c) if so, whether Government have since released the outstanding amount to the State?

Pendency of cases in Supreme Court and High Courts

†*106. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the pendency of large number of cases in the Supreme Court and the High Courts in the country has shaken the confidence of the people in the administration of justice;

(b) the number of cases pending in various High Courts (High Court-wise) and Supreme Court as on 31st October, 2001, and the number, out of them, which are pending for more than a decade; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to bring down the pendency in Courts?

Housing problem of urban poor

*107. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to formulate comprehensive action plan for solving housing problem of the urban poor and those living in the slums; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Setting up of district level Lok Adalats

*108. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set-up district level Lok Adalats headed by retired Judges throughout the country to settle expeditiously cases particularly consumer related issues pertaining to municipalities and service-oriented services;

(b) if so, by when these Adalats are likely to be functional; and

(c) the details in this regard?

Vacancies in Prasara Bharati Board

*109. SHRI KARTAR SINGH DUGGAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the procedure for filling-up of the vacancies and reconstitution of the Prasara Bharati Board;

(b) the criteria for the selection of Chairman and Members of the Board;

(c) whether there is a search panel to do the scouting of talent for the selection board; and

(d) why should it take more than a year to fill in vacancies as has happened of late?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Employment opportunities for tribals
in Andhra Pradesh**

*110. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether coconut coir making, agarbatti making, dari weaving and Handloom Training Centres have been established by or with the funding of Government in the tribal parts of Andhra Pradesh for generation of employment opportunities for tribals in such areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take for generation of employment opportunities for tribals of Andhra Pradesh?

Industry status to the cable business

†*111. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that demand is being made to grant industry status to the cable business;

(b) if so, whether Government have considered this demand, so far; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reason therefor?

**Sale and manufacture of spurious
medicines**

*112. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:

PROF. R.B.S. VARMA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a spurt in the sale of spurious medicines in the market;

(b) if so, whether any raid has recently been conducted in this regard;

(c) if so, the results thereof;

(d) the action taken/proposed to be taken against the chemists and druggists/manufacturers involved in the sale and manufacture of fake medicines; and

(e) further steps contemplated to prevent the production and marketing of spurious drugs?

Water crisis in Delhi

*113. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the per capita availability of piped/potable water in Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai, Bangalore and Hyderabad;

(b) whether Delhi is heading for a serious water crisis in near future; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take in this regard?

NER Medical Colleges

*114. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of medical colleges of North-Eastern Region converted as Government Medical Colleges;

(b) whether Government contemplate converting the medical colleges of North-Eastern States as Government Medical Colleges; and

(c) whether the Regional Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS), Imphal, will be taken over by Government?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Plundering of tribal land by non-tribals

*115. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:
DR. ALLADI P.
RAJKUMAR:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether reports have been received about non-tribals plundering more than half of tribal land in some parts of the country like Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the action taken to ensure that the land belonging to Scheduled Tribes is not changed in land records and returned to tribals only?

Amount spent in elections

†*116. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that huge amount of funds is spent by the candidates in elections to the Lok Sabha/Vidhan Sabhas and the elections are not held peacefully as a result thereof;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the existing ceiling of expenditure to be incurred by a candidate for Lok Sabha and Vidhan Sabha elections; and

(d) whether Government are contemplating to bear the expenses of Lok Sabha and Vidhan Sabha elections?

Production of fuel efficient cars

*117. SHRI R. SARATH KUMAR: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the installed capacity and the actual production of cars in the country;

(b) whether Government have given any direction to the manufacturers to produce only fuel efficient cars in view of the scarcity of petroleum products;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Valmiki-Ambedkar Awas Yojna

*118. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approved the ambitious Valmiki-Ambedkar Awas Yojna aimed at providing or upgrading shelter for those living in urban slums;

(b) the modalities worked out to select the cities; and

(c) by when this Yojna is likely to be implemented in Punjab, in general, and Ludhiana and Jalandhar, in particular?

Mandatory use of identity cards in elections

*119. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Election Commission proposes to enforce mandatory use of identity cards from the next General Elections;

(b) if so, whether the process of issuing of identity cards to all the citizens in the country has since been completed;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the extent to which the mandatory use of identity cards during the next General Elections is going to check bogus voting etc.?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Inclusion of 'Thachar' community in
SC list**

*120. SHRI N.K. PREMA-
CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWER-
MENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are in receipt

of a resolution from Thachar Service
Society, Kerala, seeking the revision of the
existing list of Scheduled Caste
communities and to incorporate the
'Thachar' community in the list; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government
thereto?

NEW DELHI;
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R. C. TRIPATHI,
Secretary-General.

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