

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Wednesday, the July 27, 2005/Sravana 5, 1927 (Saka)*

**(Ministries: Commerce and Industry; Defence; Home Affairs;  
Non-Conventional Energy Sources; Power; Rural  
Development; Textiles)**

**Total number of questions — 20**

#### **Surrender policy of Government for militants**

\*41. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the surrender policy of Government for members of militant/terrorist outfits who eschew violence and intend to return to the mainstream civil society;

(b) whether it is uniform in all the affected States or is at variance from one State to another;

(c) whether distinctions, if any, are made between surrendering members belonging to outfits which have been operating at the behest of or linked to foreign espionage agencies and those who took to arms in pursuance of extremist ideological doctrines and/or to fight against policies of Government perceived to be unjust;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Threat of terrorist attacks**

\*42. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the threat of terrorist attacks on national monuments and temple townships; and

(b) the steps proposed to meet the threat and protect places of national importance and religious worship?

#### **Inquiry points pertaining to SPS**

\*43. SHRI MOOLCHAND  
MEENA:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

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

(a) whether Department of Commerce has finalized three inquiry points pertaining to Sanitary and Phyto-Sanitary (SPS) measures that would handle all queries or comments on SPS notification/regulation issued by other member countries of the World Trade Organization;

(b) whether the three inquiry points would be Department of Agriculture and Cooperation for plant protection, Ministry of Health for food safety and the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying for animal products; and

(c) if so, what is the outcome of the steps taken in this regard?

**Electricity shortage in the country**

\*44. PROF. ALKA BALRAM  
KSHATRIYA:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether facing coal and gas shortage, Government are now focusing on hydro electricity for generating sustainable power to tide over electricity shortage in the country;

(b) whether Power Ministry are facing coal and gas shortage for power plants;

(c) whether Minister has said that hydel potential needed to be exploited for electrifying all villages households by 2012; and

(d) if so, what steps Government propose to take to see that all villages are electrified by 2012 and to what extent Government have been able to achieve this target?

**Terrorist attack in Ayodhya**

†\*45. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:  
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that terrorists recently attacked Ram Janm Bhumi in Ayodhya;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of persons killed and injured in the terrorist attack;

(d) whether any one has taken the responsibility for the attack;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether Government propose to take stringent steps to prevent the recurrence of such incidents; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

**Coordination in poverty alleviation schemes**

†\*46. SHRI NAND KISHORE  
YADAV: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that for alleviating poverty in rural areas of the country it is necessary to remove unemployment;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that many schemes are being run by Government at present for providing employment opportunities;

(c) whether it is also a fact that people are not getting desired benefits of these schemes in the absence of mutual coordination among all the schemes; and

(d) if so, the details of corrective steps Government propose to take for proper implementation of the said schemes?

**Indo-US MoU on military medicine**

\*47. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR  
SANGHI:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and the United States signed a MoU for training and academic cooperation in military medicine that will open up new frontiers in research and education for armed forces of both the countries;

(b) if so, the main aims and objects of the MoU;

(c) to what extent US has agreed to help and assist India in health and research in the Army; and

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(d) by when the implementation of the MoU is likely to start?

#### **Foreign aid**

†\*48. SHRI JANARDAN DWIVEDI:  
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the report namely "Aid real Aid" of the voluntary institution 'Action Aid', as per this report the aid coming from abroad is merely illusionary and major part of them goes in the payment of items like consultancy, buying machinery etc. to the aid giving countries;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) the amount of foreign aid received during last three years and the amount that spent out of them on the different items of consultancy etc. and the amount of aid that was actually used?

#### **Escape of under-trials from Tihar Jail**

\*49. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether ten under-trials escaped from the court complex at Tihar Jail, Delhi on the 6th July, 2005;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these under-trials have since been traced and arrested;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any action has been taken against the security personnel responsible for this escape of under-trials from Tihar Jail;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the total number of under-trials/prisoners escaped from Tihar Jail during the last three years, year-wise and how many of them were later traced and arrested each year?

#### **Lives lost due to violence**

\*50. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of lives lost as a result of naxalite/insurgency/terrorist violence in different parts of the country during the last three years and till-date, State-wise;

(b) the number of lives of various security forces lost in the country during this period, State-wise; and

(c) the effective measures taken by Government to tackle terrorism on its own?

#### **Introduction of bar code and RF in textile sector**

\*51. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministry have any plan to bring bar code and radio frequency technologies under the ambit of Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS);

(b) whether it is a fact that the textile exporters are also demanding the same for sometime now in the Post-Quota regime; and

(c) if so, how bar coding and radio frequency technologies help in increase, maintenance and quality and identification of product by exporters?

#### **Adverse effect of import of arecanut**

\*52. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

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(a) the total quantity of arecanut imported by the country during the last three years from Bangladesh, Thailand, Sri Lanka and Myanmar, year-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that import of arecanut from these countries has resulted in fall in the prices of arecanut hitting the arecanut growers of Karnataka adversely;

(c) whether Central Government propose to stop the import of arecanut in order to safeguard the interests of arecanut growers of Karnataka;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the steps taken to safeguard the interests of arecanut growers of Karnataka?

#### **Revival of separatist/terrorist groups**

†\*53. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:  
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have received the information regarding terrorist and separatist groups becoming active again after uniting together in several States recently;

(b) if so, the names of these terrorist organizations and the States where activities of these organizations have spread so far; and

(c) the number of violent incidents carried out by these terrorist groups by the end of June, 2005 in those States?

#### **Decline in youth joining the Army**

†\*54. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry have conducted a survey to ascertain the reasons for decline in the tendency among youths to join Army; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Increase of tourists in Kashmir**

†\*55. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether number of tourists have increased following decrease in terrorist activities in Kashmir;

(b) if so, the year-wise details of last three years;

(c) whether tour of Kashmir is safe for the tourists; and

(d) if so, the details of the measures adopted by Government for security of tourists?

#### **Services negotiations at WTO**

\*56. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has submitted its revised offers or going to submit the same in the services negotiations at the WTO where initial offers were made in 2003; and

(b) what is the flexibility that the Ministry is thinking that it has to move forward in services negotiations which will help India in the forth-coming meeting of WTO?

#### **Recommendations of Review Committee on POTA**

\*57. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Review Committee of POTA has submitted a report on POTA accused in Godhra incident;

(b) what are the recommendations of this Committee; and

(c) what action has been taken to implement this report?

#### **Export of adulterated chillies**

\*58. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:  
SHRI R.K. ANAND:

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

(a) whether Government have ascertained the facts regarding reported export of adulterated chillies, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government have taken up the issue on behalf of Indian exporters, if so, what steps are taken, if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether WTO agreements provide for sanitary-standards, if so, are they standardised, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government have also ascertained that the sanitary- standards are not used as non-tariff barriers against agro-exports from developing countries, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Shortage of coal in Thermal Power Stations**

\*59. SHRI AMAR SINGH:  
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of thermal power stations in the country have been facing an acute shortage of coal and a number of them are facing immediate closure;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the remedial steps Government propose to take in that direction?

#### **Installed power generation capacity in Assam**

\*60. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the present annual installed power generation capacity in the State of Assam and the actual generation in the State with the details thereof during the last three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is an acute shortage of power in the State; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

NEW DELHI;  
*The 21st July, 2005*  
*Asadha 30, 1927 (Saka)*

YOGENDRA NARAIN,  
*Secretary-General.*

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