

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Wednesday, the November 27, 2002/Agrahayana 6, 1924 (Saka)*

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

Total number of questions—20

Implementation of rural development schemes

*121. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:
SHRI MOOLCHAND
MEENA:

Will the Minister of RURAL
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether some State Governments are
facing problem of financing the centrally
sponsored schemes;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how Government propose to solve
the problem?

Vishnuprayag and Srinagar hydro- power projects

†*122. PROF. ALKA BALRAM
KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of
POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that agreements
for Vishnuprayag and Srinagar hydro-
power projects of Uttaranchal are proposed
to be signed afresh;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Uttar Pradesh's demand for
12 per cent free power is the main hurdle in
the implementation of these projects; and

(d) if so, the details of action Government
propose to take to resolve the said hurdle?

Per capita consumption of electricity

†*123. SHRI JANESHWAR
MISHRA: Will the Minister of POWER be
pleased to state:

(a) the details of State-wise per capita
consumption of electricity in the country;

(b) the details of consumption of
electricity in urban and rural areas of various
States of the country; and

(c) how these compare with international
data in this regard?

Coal deposits in States

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

Will the Minister of COAL AND
MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of coal deposits in each
State;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) the average annual mining in each State;

(c) whether there is any possibility of more coal deposits being available; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

New Power Tariff policy

*125.DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a new power tariff policy;

(b) if so, whether Government have received comments from an independent credit rating agency and views of all stakeholders; and

(c) if so, by when will the new policy be announced and the new tariff likely to come in force?

Court of Inquiry into Jaguar crash at Ambala

*126. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have ordered a Court of Inquiry into the Jaguar crash at Ambala Cantonment on 5th November, 2002;

(b) if so, the details thereof and its findings;

(c) the steps being taken to provide compensation to the victims of the crash;

(d) how many Jaguar aircrafts were involved in accidents during the last two years; and

(e) whether Government propose to improve the safety measures at Ambala Cantonment Air base, if so, the details thereof?

Production of hank-yarn

†*127. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is mandatory for the yarn manufacturing units to produce 50 per cent hank-yarn;

(b) if so, the yarn production capacity in the country during the years 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 and the actual production made during the said years; and

(c) the estimated requirement of hank-yarn in the country during the aforesaid years?

Exports of readymade garments and handicrafts

*128. SHRI JANARDHANA
POOJARY:
SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a sharp dip in exports of readymade garments and handicrafts;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and measures proposed for boosting exports; and

(c) the details of relief provided to affected small exporters of garments and handicrafts?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Investment requirements of N.T.P.C.

*129. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has directed National Thermal Power Corporation and other corporations to firm up plans to tap capital market to meet their investment requirements in the coming years;

(b) if so, whether this is in view of massive capacity addition programme being planned by Power Ministry;

(c) if so, to what extent these corporations have agreed to the directive of the Ministry; and

(d) to what extent they have been successful in meeting the investment requirements for developing power?

Accidents involving IAF aircrafts

*130. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN:
Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of accidents involving the IAF aircrafts since 1996;

(b) the details of reasons which caused the accidents in each of the cases;

(c) whether it is a fact that majority of these accidents were caused due to human errors;

(d) if so, whether it is the result of lack of proper training facilities; and

(e) if so, the measures proposed, if any, to improve the situation?

Functioning of terror schools in Pakistan

*131. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH:
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the news-item captioned "Pak terror school still functioning" which appeared in The Hindustan Times on 15th October, 2002;

(b) whether the role of ISI in aiding cross border terrorism has now been reoriented and their control over the Pak terror schools/camps grown stronger; and

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

Recruitment of officers in the Air Force

*132. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Air Force is thinking of using regional languages in tests for recruiting airmen and other officers to get the best talent;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total number of airmen and officers' posts lying vacant, zone-wise?

Implementation of schemes in NER

*133. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA:
Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the scheme-wise details of outlays for NER in the Tenth Five Year Plan, including the ones by the Central Silk Board, under 10 per cent budgetary provisions;

(b) the implementation status of ongoing schemes in the region and when they are targeted to be completed; and

(c) the details of State-wise list of proposals received from NGOs for implementation of programmes of the Ministry in NER indicating name of the NGO, date of receipt and date of sanction of the proposals during the current financial year?

State-wise, Union Territory-wise and sector-wise;

(b) the cost of electricity per unit in the developing countries and developed countries; and

(c) the reasons for variations?

Revival of Textile Industry

*134. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the textile industry is facing its worst slump since independence;

(b) whether the Central Government intend to introduce measures to revive the textile industry both in terms of export and internal consumption; and

(c) if so, the actions Government propose to take to extend aid and revenue support to promising textile houses?

Indo-Russian joint venture for manufacture of fighter jets

†*137. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any agreement, to set up a joint venture for manufacturing high quality fighter jets, has been signed between Indian and Russian Governments;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the agreement will come into effect?

Pull back of troops

*135. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a reciprocal move on the part of the Pakistan Government to the Indian decision to pull back its troops from combat position;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to ensure that the pull back does not compromise the defence and security needs of the country?

Per unit cost of electricity

*136. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the per unit cost of electricity,

Custodial deaths

*138. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Human Rights Commission has recorded 1305 reports of custodial deaths between April, 2001 and March, 2002;

(b) if so, whether there has been an increase in case of deaths in both judicial and police custody compared to the previous year;

(c) if so, the States where higher custodial deaths have taken place; and

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(d) what are the steps being taken in this regard?

**Funds granted to
DRDAs in NER**

*139. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds granted under Centre-State share to District Rural Development Agency in North Eastern Region during the last three years; and

(b) the details of amount released so far and actually utilised in the region?

Replacement of MIG-21 aircrafts

*140. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that the performance of MIG-21 aircrafts has been causing concern to the Government due to many mishaps;

(b) if so, the details of alternative options being considered to replace MIG-21 aircraft;

(c) whether any efforts are being made to develop and manufacture indigenously, multi-role fighter jets superior to Mirage and MIG-29 aircrafts; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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YOGENDRA NARAIN,
Secretary-General.

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