

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Thursday, the April 28, 2005/Vaisakha 8, 1927 (Saka)*

(Ministries : Prime Minister; Agro and Rural Industries; Atomic Energy; Coal; Communications and Information Technology; External Affairs; Labour and Employment; Ocean Development; Overseas Indian Affairs; Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Planning; Science and Technology; Shipping, Road Transport and Highways; Small Scale Industries; Space; Statistics and Programme Implementation; Youth Affairs and Sports)

Total number of questions — 20

Indo-China boundary dispute

*481. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how far the talks between India and China have progressed to settle the boundary dispute between the two countries;

(b) the details of such talks;

(c) whether Government plan to take all the political parties into confidence before reaching a final agreement with China; and

(d) if not, the reasons behind it?

New highways in Rajasthan

†*482. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that as many as

five new highways had been notified in the month of February, 2004 in Rajasthan and the Government of Rajasthan had furnished no objection certificate for the issuance of interim order in this regard in March, 2004 itself; and

(b) if so, by when the requisite orders in this regard are likely to be issued and the funds likely to be provided for the repair of these new national highways?

EPFB's investment in schemes

*483. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Employees Provident Fund Board is thinking of investing money in various schemes;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Application pending with Ministry of Coal from Chhattisgarh

†*484. SHRI MOTILAL VORA :
SHRIMATI PREMA
CARIAPPA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of applications pending with his Ministry for the installation of iron, steel, cement and captive power plants in Chhattisgarh State;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government are considering the applications received before 28th June, 2004 only;

(c) if so, the reasons for not taking into consideration the applications received after 28th June, 2004 for allotment of coal blocks; and

(d) the reasons for this discrimination?

Financial assistance to Karnataka

*485. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of Karnataka has sought financial assistance from the Centre to set up an Earth Station and an Incubation Centre in Gulbarga and Belgaum; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard and the Centre's reaction thereto?

Making FDI policy more amenable to IT industry

*486. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
Will the Minister of

COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether conceding that foreign institutional investment in telecom companies is function of the market dynamics, Government have decided to allow companies upto four months to pare their foreign holding to the stipulated 74 per cent;

(b) whether to make telecom foreign direct investment (FDI) policy more amenable to industry, Government are also likely to permit telecom companies to outsource software processes to agencies from remote destinations;

(c) whether the policy announced in India has brought Indian telecom service providers from giving remote access to any equipment manufacturers; and

(d) if so, to what extent this decision would be welcomed by all?

Morgues along National Highways

*487. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA : Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the NHAI has taken steps to build a large number of morgues for accident victims along the National Highways;

(b) if so, whether the NHAI has conducted any study on the need for such morgues;

(c) whether it is a fact that the NHAI is ignoring many representations made by Road Safety Forum to reduce the number of accident victims;

(d) to what extent would NHAI modify its stance and improve its public relations profile immediately; and

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(e) the steps proposed by NHAI to carefully respond to demands made by the Road Safety Forum?

Unemployment in IT sector

*488. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the unemployment in Indian I.T. sector is increasing day by day;

(b) whether Government maintains any data about employment scenario in the IT sector of the country;

(c) whether Government are aware that these kind of situations would hamper the growth of IT industry of the country; and

(d) if so, Government's approach in this regard?

Role of Sports Associations

*489. DR. K. MALAISAMY : Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state :

(a) the role of various existing Sports Associations;

(b) whether they exist for name sake or are doing some substantial services;

(c) whether any of the Associations has come to adverse notice; and

(d) what check Government have over these Associations ?

Waiting list of Mobile and Tarang system connections

†*490. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV : Will the Minister of

COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Mobile and Tarang system connections issued as on 31st March, 2005, State-wise;

(b) the number of persons registered on the waiting list, State-wise;

(c) whether it is also a fact that connections have been issued over and above the prescribed capacity; and

(d) if so, the details of the approved schemes for creation of additional capacity alongwith the progress thereof, State-wise?

Shoot up in unemployment rate

*491. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the unemployment rate for the country has shot up significantly from 8.87 per cent in 2001-02 to 9.11 per cent in 2004-05;

(b) whether it is also a fact that employment in the organized sector has declined between 2001 and 2003 in both public and private sectors; and

(c) if so, the action proposed in this regard?

Indo-Chinese cooperation

*492. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI :

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether China has opened up telecom, aviation and power sectors to private entrepreneurs;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) if so, whether India has been able to capture Chinese market after this decision;

(c) whether both India and China have reached agreement on various issues in telecom and power sectors;

(d) if so, the total investment to be made by Indian companies in China; and

(e) to what extent it has been helpful for the Indian companies?

Job opportunities for SCs/STs/OBCs

*493. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of persons belonging to SC/ST and OBC registered with all the employment exchanges in the country, category-wise;

(b) the steps taken by Government to provide employment to these categories of people belonging to weaker sections; and

(c) whether Government would impart job-oriented training to them to make them eligible to get jobs that are available to skilled persons ?

Selection of sports persons for ASIAD - 2014

†*494. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have proposed to conduct the ASIAD-2014 in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the scheme formulated by Government to participate in the competitive events and to prepare the sports persons for the same?

Withdrawal of Pakistani troops from Siachen

*495. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether on the eve of the recent visit of Pakistan's President to New Delhi, Pak Foreign Minister again renewed the Pak offer of withdrawal of Pakistani troops from Siachen;

(b) if so, what was Government's reaction and response thereto;

(c) whether it is a fact that while India wants authentication of the maps or the actual ground position line before any pull back, Pakistan wants the pre-1972 troop positions to be recognized;

(d) whether the matter was discussed during the recent Pak President's visit to New Delhi; and

(e) if so, the outcome thereof?

WLL base stations in Assam

*496. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that WLL base stations have been sanctioned to clear the waitlist for telephone connection in Kamrup Telecom District of Assam;

(b) if so, the number of WLL stations sanctioned;

(c) whether it is a fact that the WLL BTS equipment is yet to be sent to site; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Opening of additional passport office in Mumbai

†*497. SHRI DATTA MEGHE : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether many applications for issuance of passport are pending in the country, particularly in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, whether it is proposed to open one more passport office in Mumbai for quick disposal of the pending applications in view of heavy work load in the existing Mumbai office;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Promotion of SSIs by KVIC

*498. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL : Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Khadi and Village Industries Commission has chalked out any scheme for promotion and development of small scale industries in rural areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the necessary steps being taken by Government in this respect?

Indo-Pak Confidence Building Measures

*499. DR. AKHILESH DAS :
SHRIMATI PREMA
CARIAPPA :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether during his recent visit to Islamabad, he made it clear to Pakistan Government that the Composite Dialogue and Confidence Building Measures, like understanding on missile tests, economic and trade relations and Narcotics Control Measures, could be sustained only in an atmosphere free from terrorism and cross border violence; and

(b) if so, what assurance was sought and given by Pak Government about prevention of terrorism and cross border violence and what counter measures have been taken by Pakistan in response to India's reduction and withdrawal of forces from the Indo-Pak frontiers?

Road Transport Policy

*500. SHRI C. PERUMAL : Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a Road Transport Policy is on the anvil; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

NEW DELHI;
The 21st April, 2005
Vaisakha 1, 1927 (Saka)

YOGENDRA NARAIN,
Secretary-General.

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

I N D E X
(Ministry-wise)

Prime Minister	: —
Agro and Rural Industries	: 498,
Atomic Energy	: —
Coal	: 484,
Communications and Information Technology	: 485, 486, 488, 490, 496,
External Affairs	: 481, 492, 495, 497, 499,
Labour and Employment	: 483, 491, 493,
Ocean Development	: —
Overseas Indian Affairs	: —
Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions	: —
Planning	: —
Science and Technology	: —
Shipping, Road Transport and Highways	: 482, 487, 500,
Small Scale Industries	: —
Space	: —
Statistics and Programme Implementation	: —
Youth Affairs and Sports	: 489, 494.