

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Monday, the July 28, 2003/Sravana 6, 1925 (Saka)*

(Ministries : Commerce and Industry; Health and Family Welfare; Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises; Information and Broadcasting; Law and Justice; Parliamentary Affairs; Shipping; Social Justice and Empowerment; Tribal Affairs; Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation)

Total number of questions—20

Export of herbal and medicinal plants

*101. MISS MABEL REBELLO:
SHRI B. J. PANDA:

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

(a) whether the Export-Import Bank of India has identified herbal and medicinal plants as an important sub-sector for enhancement of exports;

(b) whether the current global demand of the herbal and medicinal plants is around 51,000 crores and whether it has released a booklet in this regard; and

(c) Government's action plan for exploiting the situation to the maximum in the global market?

Dual fees proposal for CAS

*102. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Cable Operators have rejected Government's price and dual-fees proposal for the Conditional Access System (CAS);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to get their cooperation?

CGHS dispensary in NOIDA

*103. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is only one CGHS dispensary in NOIDA (U.P.);

(b) whether it is also a fact that the number of Central Government employees residing in NOIDA has increased manifold in the recent past;

(c) whether Government are also aware that about 20,000 beneficiaries are residing in Sector 62, NOIDA alone;

(d) if so, whether Government propose to open a CGHS dispensary in that sector; and

(e) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

Setting up of Broadcasting Regulatory Authority of India

*104. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR:
SHRI NANA DESHMUKH:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a Broadcasting Regulatory Authority of India on the lines of TRAI;

(b) if so, whether Government have examined functioning of such other regulatory bodies like Federal Communications Commission of US and Office of the Communications of UK before taking a view in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Reforms in DDA

†*105. SHRI LAJPAT RAI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN
SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) has assigned a professional institution with the task of providing suggestions regarding comprehensive reforms in its policy, working and structure; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the name of the institution and by when it would submit its report to DDA?

Exploitation of children

†*106. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that thousands of innocent children are being used for begging;

(b) whether Government are also aware that a number of children are compelled to beg at the age when they should be getting education; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government for helping such children to get rid of such exploitation, giving details of children rehabilitated in the last two years?

Private partnership in drinking water sector

*107. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that five global corporates are ready to tap over \$ 2000 million market of drinking water in the country;

(b) whether Government have encouraged the private partnership in the drinking water sector; and

(c) whether it is a fact that if privatisation of drinking water is allowed, the urban dwellers would have to pay at least ten times more for drinking water?

Janani Suraksha Yojana

*108. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA
RAO:
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY
SIRIGIREDDY:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that in order to tackle the problem of maternal mortality Government have started a new programme called "Janani Suraksha Yojana";

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) if so, its aims and objectives; and
 (c) the action Government propose to take if a pregnant woman does not register with a Primary Health Centre?

Hostels for SC/ST students

†*109. SHRI ABHAY KANT PRASAD: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of hostels constructed so far for ST boys and girls in various States under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes;

(b) the number of ST boys and girls benefited as a result thereof;

(c) whether Government have received complaints to the effect that hostels constructed for ST boys and girls are not being paid adequate attention about their upkeep; and

(d) if so, what are the remedial measures taken or proposed to be taken by Government to effect an improvement in the situation?

Healing properties of fish medicine

*110. SHRI KARTAR SINGH DUGGAL:
 SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:

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

(a) whether Government have ascertained the facts about "fish medicine" being administered for Asthma in some parts of the country;

(b) whether there is any scientific basis for the prescription; and

(c) if not, the reasons for allowing the run of "Asthma Mail"?

Desert Medical Research Centre's Report on diabetes

*111. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMAD KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Desert Medical Research Centre of ICMR has come to the conclusion that persons belonging to Reika Tribe, inhabitants of Jodhpur region of Rajasthan, never suffer from diabetes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to encourage diabetes prone people to adopt the life-style of Reika Tribesmen; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Additional Fast Track Courts

*112. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has approached the 12th Finance Commission for setting up an additional 1500 Fast Track Magisterial Courts to dispose of the huge backlog of cases;

(b) if so, the Finance Commission's reaction in this regard;

(c) the number of cases disposed of by the Fast Track Courts in the country during the last three years;

(d) whether the Fast Track Courts are not functioning in some States; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Cases of spurious drugs

†*113. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN:
DR. PRABHA THAKUR:

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

(a) the number of cases of spurious drugs that have come to light during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the steps taken by Government to check manufacturing of spurious drugs and to what extent these steps have proved to be effective; and

(c) the number of persons arrested and punished for manufacturing spurious drugs during the last three years?

Foreign assistance for development of cities

†*114. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI:
Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank or some other foreign financial organisations are providing any financial assistance to various States particularly Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra for development of cities;

(b) if so, the details of the financial assistance provided as on date for this purpose, scheme-wise and State-wise; and

(c) if not, whether Government would allow the States to receive such assistance?

WTO negotiations in Cancun

*115. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:
SHRI G. K. VASAN:

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

(a) whether Government have finalised its position for the WTO negotiations in

Cancun scheduled for September, 2003;

(b) whether the opposition parties have been consulted to arrive at a political consensus so as to effectively present the country's perspective on the crucial negotiations at Cancun;

(c) whether Government have had detailed discussions with EU, China, Brazil, Mexico on the issues relating to agricultural subsidies; and

(d) what are the areas of agreement or disagreement, if any, with the other countries?

Dutch funds for urban development projects in Andhra Pradesh

*116. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY:
Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Dutch Government has decided not to fund any new projects in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether this decision to discontinue the funds would affect the Urban Development projects in the State; and

(c) whether Government propose to pursue the matter with the Dutch Government?

Charges fixed by CGHS

*117. SHRI N. R. DASARI:
SHRI GAYA SINGH:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the charges fixed for surgery and other treatments by CGHS for its approved hospitals vary in different cities;

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(b) if so, the criteria adopted for fixing the charges;

(c) whether Government are aware that some hospitals charge more than the approved charges from the CGHS beneficiaries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

Amendment in the Cable TV Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995

*118. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to amend the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 for regulating the broadcasters;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any steps are on the anvil for making the Conditional Access System (CAS) more consumer friendly;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the steps taken to implement CAS; and

(f) the proposed date and regimes for implementation of CAS?

NEW DELHI;
The 22nd July, 2003
Asadha 31, 1925 (*Saka*)

Duty on imported tea

*119. SHRI S.P. M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any request from the Government of Tamil Nadu to enhance duty on imported tea up to 150 per cent; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government thereon?

Educational institutions pertaining to ISM & H

*120. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the location-wise details of the Ayurvedic, Homoeopathic, Unani, Naturopathy and Allopathic educational colleges/institutions functioning in the country as on June 30, 2003;

(b) the number of institutions being run by the Union/State Governments, State-wise/UT-wise;

(c) whether, it is a fact that most of these colleges/institutions do not have adequate teaching and other facilities; and

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

YOGENDRA NARAIN,
Secretary-General.

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