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 28, 2001/Agrahayana 7, 1923 (Saka)

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

Total number of questions-20

Design flams in MIG fighter planes

- *141. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the former Indian Air Force Chiefs have revealed that MIG fighter planes have design flaws as reported in the Hindustan Times dated the 22nd August, 20001;
- (b) if so, the reaction of Government to such views of the former Indian Air Force Chiefs:
- (c) whether Govenment have been purchasing new MIG fighter planes from Russia inspite of design flaws; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

Rally by Indian Ex-services League of Sangrur district

- *142. SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the Sangrur district unit of the Indian Ex-services League held a rally in local war Heroes Stadium on Septmber 17, 2001, to press their demand for one

rank, one pension, and other demands;

- (b) if so, what are their demands; and
- (c) what is Government's response and reaction thereto?

Providing drinking water from tubewells in Orissa

- *143. SHRI MANMOHAN SAMAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Govenment have any plan to provide drinking water through tubewells in the State of Orissa;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) what steps have been taken by Govenment to provide drinking water in the Western Orissa region?

Advance deposit for supply of coal to power plants

- *144. SHRI P.N. SIVA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:
- (a) the criteria and conditions for the supply of coal to power plants;
- (b) whether Government have asked purchasers of coal from the power paints to

deposit in advance an amount equivalent to one month's purchase of coal; and

(c) if so, whether the power plants have refused to deposit any money as advance?

Deployment of forces in Tripura

- *145. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) what is the current deployment of forces in Tripura;
- (b) whether the forces are adequate for counter-insurgency operation as well as manning the long international Indo-Bangladesh border; and
- (c) how soon the forces as requested by the State Government are likely to be deployed in Tripura?

New definition to the electrification of a village

- *146. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that a new definition is being given to the electrification of a village;
 - (b) if so, what is the new definition;
- (c) state-wise details the level of rural electrification according to the new definition; and
- (d) the action plan toachieve the total rural electrification and the amount allocated, statewise?

Collaboration of India and Pakistan in Textiles sector

*147. SHRI R. SARATH KUMAR: SHRI P.N. SIVA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India and Pakistan have decided to collaborate to protect their interests in the textilies sector against European Union;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the mechanism evolved to protect the interests of textile manufacturers?

Nexus of organised crime with antinational forces

- *148. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Union Government have expressed concern over emerging nexus of organised crime with anti-national forces including militant and fundamentalist organisations;
- (b) if so, whether Union Govenment have taken any concrete steps to break such nexus; and
 - (c) if so, the details thereof?

Private investment in mines and minerals sector

*149. SHRI GAYA SINGH: SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to encourage Private investment in the mines and minerals sector:
- (b) if so, the details of the proposal in this regard;
- (c) whether Government have received any proposal from private parties for investment in mines and minerals sector;

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Creation of Central Law Enforcement Agency (CLEA)

- *150. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that a proposal is a foot to create a Central Law Enforcement Agency (CLEA) in the near future;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the composition, functions and the tenure of the CLEA:
- (c) whether the viewpoints of the different political parties and the various State Government have been elicited with regard to this proposal and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) by when the agency is likely to be put in place?

Funds for Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojna in Kerala

- *151. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the Government of Kerala has submitted any representation seeking more Funds for 'Pradhan Mantri Sadak Yojana' in the State;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details regarding the state-wise allotment of funds for the above said programme?

Development plan for Manipur Sericulture Project

*152. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the "Definite Development Plan of Manipur Sericulture Project with foreign assistance, is pending at the Ministry level for approval thus causing delay in its implementation;
 - (b) if so, the reasons for its delay; and
- (c) the steps taken by Governmet for early clearance of the projects?

Dialogue with NSCN (IM)

- *153. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the dialogue with Nationnal Socialist Council of Nagaland (I.M.) has run into rough weather;
 - (b) if so, the reasons for the same; and
- (c) when the next round of talks is likely to take place?

Guidelines to Security Personnel

- †*154. SHRI NUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in "Dainik Jagaran (New Delhi)' dated the 23th October, 2001, under the caption "Antanki Maar dein to Shabashi Ke bajae jaanch shooru ho jati hai";
 - (b) if so, the detials thereof; and
- (c) if so, the details of guidelines issued by Government to the security personnel for wiping finish off the terrorists?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Transparency in defence purchases

- *155. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Govenment propose to bring transparency in Defence purchases by plugging procedural loopholes and streamlining cumbersome procurement rules; and
- (b) if so, the measures proposed to improve the management of the country's defence?

Ban on dalit rally in Delhi

- *156. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that a ban had been imposed by Govenment on the rally of details which was to be held at Ramlala Ground in Delhi on 4th November, 2001;
- (b) if so, whether the organisers and taken prior permission from the administration in this regard; and
- (c) if so, the reasons for imposing ban on holding of said rally?

Tackling of terrorism

- *157. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item published in the Hindustan Times dated 2.11.2001, capitioned "How other terrorist affected nation's cope";

- (b) whether Government propose to bring forward any suitable legislation to punish those persons who indulge/intend to threaten the integrity, unity and sovereignty of India or try to strike 'terror' using bombs etc.;
- (c) if so, when and whether Government were able to arrive at any agreement with other political parties inthis regard?

Electricity to every house

- *158. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it has been decided to provide electricity to every house;
 - (b) if so, the amount earmarked for it;
- (c) by when the task will be completed; and
- (d) the details of measures being taken to ensure the availability of power?

Special electirification scheme for SC/ST colonies and Ambedkar village

- †*159. SHRI SHYAM LAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:
- (a) whether any special electrification scheme for S.C./S.T. colonies and Ambdkar villages had been in force; if so, the number of village electrified, so far and the number of villages to be electrified state-wise details thereof:
- (b) whether the above said scheme has been stopped; if so, since when and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) if not, the details of scheme for electrification of the remaining colonies?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

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Influx of Hindu families from Bangladesh

*`160. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether 300 Hindu families of Bangaldesh took shelter in Tripura during the last week of October, 2001 following from Muslim fundamentalist organisations; and
- (b) the action taken to stop such fresh influx?

New Delhi;

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R. C. TRIPATHI, Secretary-General.

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