

RAJYA SABHA

Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Monday, the April 29, 2002/Vaisakha 9, 1924 (Saka)*

(Ministeries: Development of North-Eastern Region; Disinvestment; Health and Family Welfare; Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises; Information and Broadcasting; Law; Justice and Company Affairs; Shipping; Social Justice and Empowrment; Tribal Affaris; Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation)

Total Number of Questions—20

Scheme for Boys Hostels

*481. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minsiter of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as epr the Annual Reprot of his Minsitry for the year 2000-2001, a sum of Rs. 10.80 crore was allocated for the Scheme for Boys Hostels for the year 2000-2001 out of which only Rs. 32 lakhs ahve been spent;

(b) if so, the reasons for such a large amount remaining unspent; and

(c) the steps Government ahve taken to ensure that such situations do not arise in future and the amount allocated for a particular scheme is utilised to the fullest spread over the year?

Fly-lovers in Delhi

*482. SHRI B.P. SINGHAL: Will the Minsiter of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of fly-overs which are in operation in Delhi;

(b) the names of the companies which ahve constructed these fly-oers;

(c) the details of the total time taken for the construction of each fly-over;

(d) the details of the estimated cost and the actual cost incurred on each fly-over; and

(e) the details of the pending and proposed fly-overs in Delhi and the time-frame within which there will be completed?

Pendency in cases due to lack of funds

*483. SHRI K. KALAVENKARA RAO: Will the Minsiter of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether State Governments have been blamed for penency for cases in courts because sufficient funds were not made avaiable by State Governments for smooth functioning of the judiciary;

(b) the ratio of High Court Judges per million of population at present;

(c) whether the Law Commission in one of its reprot has recommended to increase the nubmer of Judges per million of population; and

(d) if so, the decision of Government in this regard?

CAG reprot on failure of IDSMT scheme

*484. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
Will the Minsiter of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to do away with the Centrally Sponsored Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns (IDSMT) scheme;

(b) whether this scheme was launched in the year 1979-80;

(c) whether the CAG Report in March, 2001, had criticised Government for the scheme's failure to achieve its objectioves

(d) whether Government have replaced this with the State Pooled Financing Mechanism; and

(e) the reasons for failrue of IDSMT scheme?

Clearance of Rofecoxib Gel

*485. MISS MABEL REBELLO:
SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Rofexoxib Gel was cleared by DCGI without even checking the trial reports;

(b) whether it is also a fact that multicentric trials at eight centres wer completed just in two weeks' time;

(c) whether none of the trial reports mentions date of start and completion of trial;

(d) whether Dy. DCGI ahs ignored established norms in granting permission for Refecoxb Gel;

(e) whetherr the Company ahs given undue favours to the authorities concerned; and

(f) whether his Minsitry poposes to Rand ever the cae to CBI for investigation?

Coverage of communal riots in Gujarat

† *486. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH
'LALAN':
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the communal riots in Gujarat were flared up by media, especially by the photos and news-items telecast by electronic media;

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

(c) whether it is for this reason that the angry local adminsitration later smelling the right opportunity took resort to beating the press persons mercileassly; and

(d) if so, the details fo the incidents?

Renting of Government Quarters in Kali Bari

*487. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minsiter of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a number of Government Quarters J-Block, Mandir Marg (Kali Bari) New Delhi, particularly Block 17, are rented out for the past fw years;

(b) whether Government have conducted any inquiry in this regard to locate such quarters;

(c) whether Government propsoe to take any action agaisnt thsoe allottees; and

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

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

Tax exemptions for Ayurveda and ISM

*488. DR. KARAN SINGH:
SHRI AIMADUDDIN
AHMED KHAN (DURRU):

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

(a) whether any proposals for certain relief and tax-exemptions to help Ayurveda and other indigenous Systems of Mediciens to effectively tap the growing international market for non-allopathic drugs ahve been considered;

(b) if so, the measurs considered; and

(c) the decisions taken in regard thereto and the steps taken to implement the same?

Hierarchy in Censor Boards

*489. SHRI B.S. GNANADESIKAN:
Will the Minsiter of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is hierarchy in the Censor Boards in the States;

(b) if so, whether a matter permitted by one Censor Board could be censored by the other; and

(c) the details of the Censor Board existing in the State of Tamil Nadu?

Recommendation of Constitution Reveiw Commission

*490. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY:
SHRI V. V. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minsiter of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government ahve received the Report of National Commission to

Review the Working of the Constitution;

(b) if so, the salient recommednations made by the Commission; and

(c) the action proposed to be taken by Government on each of these recommendations?

Demolitions in the Capital

*491. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minsiter of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of teh demolition of unauthorised buildings area-wise in the Capital during the last one year;

(b) whether it is a fact that the demolitions undertaken, so far, were limited only to the buildings belonging to the poor and ordinary sections of teh people;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there are unauthorised residential/commercial buildings at various places in South Delhi including Sainik Farms remaining untouched; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

Bid of Sterlite Industries for Hindustan Zinc Ltd.

*492. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minsiter of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government ahve taken a decision toa ccept the bid of Sterlite Industries for its stake in Hindustan Zinc Ltd;

(b) if so, whether this decision will tantamount to promoting monopolistic interests in non-ferrous metal industry since Sterlite had earleir begged the BALCO disinvestment bid; and

(c) whether in the HZL disinvestment package, Government had stipulated a minimum Rs. 50.00 crore earnest money, precluding other prospective bidders?

Blind people in the country

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

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

(a) whether there are about 12 million blind people in the country who constitute 25 per cent of the World's population;

(b) if so, whether the report, based on data collected from schools and colleges in over 40 cities across the country has pointed out that majority of eye disorders found in the country were due to refractive error and cataract, which are correctiable;

(c) the other main reasons for the same;

(d) whether the World Health Organisation has also found the report true; and

(e) the efforts being made by Government in this regard?

Robot Surgery

†*494. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minsiter of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have reused to allow Robot Surgery;

(b) if so, whether any difficulty is being felt by Government to accept the proposal; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Environmental pollution due to Ship-breaking activity

*495. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minsiter of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether ship-breaking activity causes environmental pollution;

(b) if so, whether adequate measures have been taken for taking care of this problem;

(c) whether the cases flouting those norms ahve come to notice; and

(d) if so, the action taken agaisnt erring persons/organisations?

Vacancies in OPSUs

*496. SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA: Will the Minsiter of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of top posts of Chairman/ CEOs/Directors lying vacant in Public Sector Undertakings for the last three years, till date;

(b) whether non-filling of top posts ahs resulted in poor efficiency and lack of talent/skill of such PSUs; and

(c) if so, by when governemtn propose to fill up those vacant posts in order to enhance efficiency and profitability of PSUs?

Assistance to NGOs promoting voluntary action for disabled in Guajrat

*497. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minsiter of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(a) the NGOs working on the scheme to promote voluntary action for persons with disabilities in Gujarat;

(b) the assistance extended to such organisations since operation of the scheme; and

(c) the progress made, till date?

Legislation on assisted reproductive technique

*498. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering a proposal to bring forward a legislation on assisted reproductive technique to help the infertile couples to have their progeny;

(b) if so, the details of the proposed legislation;

(c) whether the legal, medical, moral, social and psychological aspects of having children with artificial methods have been carefully considered and necessary care provided for in the draft legislation and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) by when the new law is likely to be put in place?

Persons affected by Sardar Sarovar Project

*499. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal for amending the SC/ST list of Gujarat for accommodating the persons affected by Sardar Sarovar Project who came from Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra has been pending since long;

(b) if so, the reasons for the delay; and

(c) by when Government would finally modify the list so that project affected persons begin to get the benefits meant for SCs/STs in Gujarat?

Proposal for construction of High Court building etc. in Chhattisgarh

*500. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal for construction of High Court building, houses for Judges, Officers and staff in Chhattisgarh;

(b) if so, when and the details thereof;

(c) the target fixed for construction of High Court building, houses for Judges, officers and staff; and

(d) the funds sanctioned for this purpose and by when the same will be provided to the State Government?

NEW DELHI;
The 23rd April, 2001
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R.C. TRIPATHI,
Secretary-General.

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