

## 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 29, 2002/Sravana 7, 1924 (Saka)*

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

Total number of questions—20

#### Code of conduct for the media

\*201. DR. AKHILESH DAS:  
SHRI AIMADUDDIN  
AHMED KHAN  
(DURRU):

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

(a) whether Government have taken any initiative regarding the need for a code of conduct for the media through the Press Council of India or otherwise; and

(b) if so, the details of the steps so far taken and the progress made in the matter?

#### Autonomous District Councils

\*202. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Autonomous District Councils (ADCs) existing in the country for development of Scheduled Tribes and their number in the North Eastern States;

(b) the number of ADCs brought under Sixth Schedule of the Constitution; and

(c) whether Government would consider giving more autonomy to these Councils?

#### Global meet of Parliamentarians on AIDS/HIV

\*203. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Parliamentarians from across the globe met in Delhi in May this year to pledge concrete steps to address the challenges of AIDS/HIV epidemic, effectively;

(b) whether around 15,000 people are afflicted by the deadly disease everyday;

(c) if not, the estimated number of persons afflicted day after day in India; and

(d) the details of the declaration adopted in the global meet and the steps taken and being taken by Government in the light of the declaration?

**Decline in basic amenities in metropolitan cities**

†\*204. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:  
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the basic amenities are declining day by day in metropolitan cities due to continuous increase in the population;

(b) if so, whether any assessment has been made regarding the lack of drinking water, sanitation, schools, electricity and transportation in these cities; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard, city-wise?

**Delay in judicial process**

\*205. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "20 years in prison sans trial", which appeared in the News Time, dated 5th July, 2002;

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

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to address the problem of inordinate delay in judicial process as highlighted in the report?

**Exorbitant charging by private blood banks**

†\*206. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that private blood banks in the country are charging exorbitant price from patients;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering to take any action to keep a check on such blood banks and prevent them from doing so; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and by when, and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Foreign investment in Print Media**

†\*207. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':  
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

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

(a) whether Government had obtained the opinion of experts in print media before granting permission to foreign capital investment in Print Media;

(b) if so, the details of experts consulted and opinion expressed by each of them; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Consequences of FDI in Print Media**

\*208. SHRI LALU PRASAD: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have allowed 26 per cent Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in Print Media;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Parliamentary Committee on Information Technology had recommended against Foreign Direct Investment in Print Media;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the decision of Government will have disastrous consequence on country's security; and

(d) if answers to parts (a) to (c) be in the affirmative, whether Government propose to review their decision?

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†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Department of Orthopaedics,  
Safdarjung Hospital**

†\*209. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI:  
Will the Minister of HEALTH AND  
FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering  
any proposal to convert the Department of  
Orthopaedics of Safdarjung Hospital into  
an autonomous body;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government propose to  
make a private ward in the Department of  
Orthopaedics and provide special facilities  
to patients?

**World Ayurvedic Congress**

\*210. SHRI K. B. KRISHNA  
MURTHY: Will the Minister of HEALTH  
AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to  
state:

(a) whether India has proposed to host  
the World Ayurvedic Congress later this year  
and if so, the venue and tentative dates  
decided for the same;

(b) the theme chosen for the deliberations  
at the Congress;

(c) the steps being taken to project India's  
heritage in the realm of Ayurveda considering  
its leading and dominant role in the  
propagation of Ayurvedic system of  
medicine; and

(d) how many countries are likely to  
participate in the Congress?

**Acquisition of crude carriers by SCI  
Ltd.**

\*211. SHRI R. S. GAVAI: Will  
the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to  
state:

(a) whether Government have refused

permission for acquisition of two very large  
crude carriers by the privatisation-bound  
Shipping Corporation of India, Ltd.;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the  
reasons therefor; and

(c) the impact of non-acquisition of these  
carriers?

**Constitution of NMPB**

\*212. SHRI BHAGATRAM  
MANHAR:  
SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that National  
Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB) has  
recently been constituted;

(b) if so, the details of the Composition  
of the Board;

(c) whether there is an acute shortage of  
staff in the Board causing hardship in  
running day-to-day activities of the Board;  
and

(d) if so, the steps Government propose  
to take to provide sufficient staff to the  
Board?

**Recommendations of CBFC on  
censorship guidelines**

\*213. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN:  
Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND  
BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the 103rd meeting of Central  
Board of Film Certification (CBFC) held  
recently recommended updating of  
censorship guidelines;

(b) whether the recommendations have  
been accepted by Government;

(c) if so, the details of the proposed  
changes; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

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**Transfer of Cinematography from  
State List to Concurrent List**

\*214. SHRI K. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have a proposal to remove Cinematography from the State List and include it in the Concurrent List; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

**Privatisation of SCI**

\*215. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the country's largest shipping line, Shipping Corporation of India Ltd. is expected to be privatised by September this year;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the depressed market and stringent FDI regulations may prove unfavourable for completion of this process; and

(c) if so, Government's views on the timing of this disinvestment?

**Missing files of DDA**

†\*216. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the whereabouts of 20,000 files of DDA are not known, as reported in Dainik Jagaran, (Delhi) dated 10th July, 2002;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have had the whole case inquired into or propose to do so; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Funding of projects in NER**

\*217. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to fund the projects declared under PM's Special package since 1996 for North-East only from 10 per cent budgetary allocation for North East;

(b) if so, the details of the decision; and

(c) if not, the funding pattern finalised indicating the additional allocations made and proposed to be made to complete the projects within the stipulated target date?

**Special Management Committee for  
allocating spectrum to private  
broadcasters**

\*218. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:  
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

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

(a) whether a Special Management Committee has been constituted for the purpose of allocating spectrum to private broadcasters;

(b) if so, whether the first phase of private FM radio stations has been rolled out this year;

(c) if so, whether the second phase of FM stations or privatisation has been recommended in June, 2002;

(d) if so, the details of the second phase; and

(e) the total radio licencees allocated in the first phase and the number that will be allocated in the second phase?

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**Revamping of HUDCO**

\*219. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a proposal before his Ministry for totally revamping HUDCO;

(b) whether the proposal also includes simplifying the procedure for sanction of loans, etc.; and

(c) the steps his Ministry has taken to get approval from Government for upgradation of HUDCO from Schedule 'B' to Schedule 'A' public sector enterprise?

**Welfare schemes in Punjab and U.P.**

\*220. SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of social welfare schemes being implemented in Punjab and U.P. by Government and the amount provided for the same, district-wise;

(b) the manner in which this spending is controlled by Government;

(c) whether there is any scheme for the welfare of Backwards, SCs, STs and border areas of Punjab; and

(d) if so, the manner in which the same is being implemented during the year 2002-2003 and budgetary allocations made therefor?

NEW DELHI;

*The 23rd July, 2002*

*Sravana 1, 1924 (Saka)*

R.C. TRIPATHI,

*Secretary-General.*

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**(Ministry-wise)**

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