

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on*

*Tuesday, the July 29, 2003/Sravana 7, 1925 (Saka)*

(Ministries: Civil Aviation; Finance; Petroleum and Natural Gas; Tourism and Culture; Water Resources)

Total number of questions—20

#### Study on water harvesting and storage schemes

\*121. DR. ABRAR AHMED:  
SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had made any studies on water harvesting and storage schemes in Rajasthan and U.P. during the Ninth Five Year Plan period; and

(b) if so, the number of projects approved as a result thereof?

#### National Bibliographic data-base in libraries

\*122. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that preparation of National Bibliographic data-base in electronic format has been completed in Indian Libraries;

(b) the details of libraries in the country in which the above work is going on;

(c) whether any time-frame has been fixed to complete the project; and

(d) if so, the details of the time-frame and budget required to complete the project?

#### Modernisation of airports

\*123. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the new developments and modernisation at various airports in the country are proceeding as per schedule; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government have finalised a regulatory and legal framework for Airports management and development consistent with the future needs of the country; and

(c) whether any particular country's experience has been taken as a model framework for modernisation and upgradation of airport infrastructure in the country?

#### Unclaimed deposit in HDFC

†\*124. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Housing Development

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Finance Corporation had unclaimed deposits of Rs. 75.86 crores in 2002-2003;

(b) whether this deposit belongs to 18,669 depositors, who have neither claimed nor renewed it despite its maturity;

(c) whether this amount would be returned to depositors after getting them identified; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Recovery of NPAs of Punjab National Bank**

\*125. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Punjab National Bank has given powers to its zonal managers to recover non-performing assets under a new one-time settlement scheme;

(b) if so, the main features of the scheme;

(c) whether this scheme is proposed to be introduced in other banks also; and

(d) whether defaulters will be given any benefit under this scheme?

#### **ONGC's new investment**

\*126. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited plans to invest Rs. 16,200 crore on its upstream business for the financial year 2003-2004;

(b) if so, whether this will be 47 per cent higher as compared to the last year;

(c) if so, to what extent it will help to reduce the import bill; and

(d) what are the main projects on which this amount will be spent?

#### **Capital market reforms**

\*127. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY:  
SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMA-CHANDRAYYA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps proposed to be taken as part of capital market reforms; and

(b) the other steps proposed to be taken to facilitate corporatisation of Stock Exchanges?

#### **Development of tourism infrastructure in Tamil Nadu**

\*128. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any project has been sanctioned for the development of Tourism infrastructure in Tamil Nadu during the Tenth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details of the project with financial allocation; and

(c) the State-wise number of projects completed during the last three years?

#### **Cargo theft at IGI Airport**

†\*129. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are incurring financial losses due to theft of cargo being sent abroad from Indira Gandhi International Airport;

(b) if so, the details of losses incurred during the last three years; and

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(c) what action has been taken or is proposed to be taken to check the same?

#### **Distribution of water**

†\*130. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN  
SINGH 'LALAN':  
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no even distribution of water available in the country;

(b) if so, what is the assessment of per head availability of water in each State of the country;

(c) whether Government have identified those States where the availability of water is less than the requirement; and

(d) if so, the details of those States and quantity of water available in each of them?

#### **Decline in Credit Deposit Ratio**

\*131. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:  
SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Credit Deposit Ratio of public sector banks has declined over the years thus shrinking credit supply to States affecting the poor especially in the farm sector; and

(b) what was the Credit Deposit Ratio during the last three years?

#### **Guidelines for bilateral aid**

\*132. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a new set of guidelines have been framed to govern future bilateral aid flow to India, which may be required by various institutions and projects of NGOs, without obtaining prior clearance from Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of mechanism established, if any, to take care of the national security concerns and the overall development priorities and the extent of Government's commitment to the terms of agreements which may be finalised between the bilateral partners?

#### **Excise duty on petroleum products**

†\*133. SHRI LAJPAT RAI:  
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN  
SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that excise duty is levied on the production of Petrol, Diesel, LPG, Kerosene etc.

(b) if so, the details of the rates of excise-duty levied on each of the above petroleum products in 2000-2001, 2001-2002 and 2002-2003; and

(c) the production of each of the above petroleum products during the above period alongwith the actual annual average price assessed on the basis of which excise duty was determined?

#### **Wells drilled during 2002-2003**

\*134. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:  
DR. ABRAR AHMED:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

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(a) the number of wells drilled by ONGC/Private Companies/Joint Ventures during the year 2002-2003; and

(b) the details of crude oil/gas found in each case?

#### **Outstanding foreign debt**

\*135. SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE:  
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantum of outstanding foreign debt as on 31st March, 2003, both in absolute terms and in percentage of GDP;

(b) whether it has increased or decreased in absolute terms over the last three years; and

(c) what was the external debt at this ratio during the last three fiscal years?

#### **Financial assistance to Orissa**

\*136. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:  
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Japan Government has promised to extend financial assistance for Renagali Irrigation Project in Orissa, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Japan Government has also agreed to give such assistance for Kanpur Irrigation Project in Keonjhar district of Orissa, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the other projects in the State such as Shanti(peace) Park at Dhauli where Japan Government has promised to extend financial help?

#### **Credit Deposit Ratio of SBI in J&K**

\*137. PROF. SAIF-UN-DIN SOZ:  
Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the Credit Deposit Ratio of the State Bank of India in the three regions of Jammu and Kashmir namely, Kashmir, Jammu and Ladakh; and

(b) whether this ratio reflects fairplay with investing people?

#### **Open Sky Policy**

\*138. SHRIMATI VANGA  
GEETHA:  
SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA  
SEKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to given their consent to the "Open Sky Policy" for development and promotion of tourism as requested by certain States;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the action proposed to be taken to provide linkage between various international cities to promote tourism?

#### **Finalisation of Japan ODA Loan Package**

\*139. DR. A.K. PATEL:  
SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 369 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 8th April, 2003 and state:

(a) whether the ODA Loan Package from Government of Japan for Integrated Forestry

Development Project for financial year 2003-2004 has since been finalised; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Recovery of Air Travel tax from aviation companies**

†\*140. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that various aviation companies do not pay the inland air travel tax to Government in time;

(b) if so, how much payment is outstanding against each of such companies as on date; and

(c) what steps Government are taking to make companies pay the tax in time?

NEW DELHI;  
The 23rd July, 2003  
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YOGENDRA NARAIN,  
*Secretary-General.*

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