

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Friday, the July 29, 2005/Sravana 7, 1927 (Saka)*

(Ministries: Agriculture; Chemicals and Fertilizers; Consumer Affairs,  
Food and Public Distribution; Environment and Forests; Food Processing  
Industries; Health and Family Welfare; Railways; Steel)

Total number of questions — 20

#### Benefits of Support Price Policy to small land holders

†\*81. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER  
SINGH MAJITHA:  
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR  
PRASAD:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are  
around 89.35 million families which are  
associated with agriculture in the  
country;

(b) if not, Government's assessment  
thereof and whether it is also a fact that  
out of these, 66 per cent families are  
having one hectare or lesser agriculture  
land only;

(c) if not, the facts in this regard;

(d) whether it is also a fact that small  
land holders in the country are not getting  
any benefit from the ongoing support price  
policy of Government; and

(e) if so, the reaction of Government  
thereto and the scheme formulated by  
Government to make the land of farmers  
belonging to the said group, beneficial?

#### Sale of tickets through mobile vans

†\*82. DR. CHHATTRAPAL SINGH  
LODHA:

PROF. R.B.S. VARMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be  
pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government  
are going to formulate a plan to sell rail-  
tickets through mobile vans;

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

(c) by when the scheme is likely to be  
launched?

#### Rail accidents

\*83. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the  
Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to  
state:

(a) the details of rail accidents occurred  
in various parts of the country during the  
last three years, year-wise;

(b) the number of persons killed and  
injured in these rail accidents;

(c) whether the causes of these rail  
accidents have since been inquired into;

(d) if so, the particulars of railway

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personnel who have so far been held responsible for these rail accidents;

(e) the action so far taken against these railway personnel;

(f) whether any progress has so far been made in installing Anti-Collision Device (ACD) in trains; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

#### **AIDS patients**

\*84. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of AIDS/HIV affected patients, State-wise in the year 2000;

(b) the number of new cases registered, year-wise thereafter till 31st May, 2005;

(c) the details of special drive undertaken, if any, for ascertaining their numbers as well as identifying the affected persons who might be avoiding to come to Government health centres;

(d) the details of NGOs engaged in combating AIDS;

(e) the funds allocated to each, year-wise since 2000-01;

(f) whether a phenomenal change in the number of HIV /AIDS affected persons was observed in the recent past; and

(g) if so, what could it be attributed to?

#### **Shortage of wheat stock**

\*85. SHRI C. RAMA-  
CHANDRAIAH:  
SHRI MANOJ  
BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the stock of wheat with Government agencies has plummeted to an all-time low barely enough to meet the stipulated buffer stock norms;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to augment the wheat stock to ensure food security and to enable Government to meet its other commitments?

#### **Disused rail routes/lines in Tamil Nadu**

\*86. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of railway routes/lines which are in disuse in Tamil Nadu;

(b) the length of such routes with railway stations on the routes and the number of years of disuse of each route;

(c) the reasons for disuse in each case; and

(d) when the recent assessment of each route was done to consider operating trains on these routes?

#### **AIIMS like hospital in Rajasthan**

†\*87. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a plan to set up a hospital in Rajasthan, on the lines of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences in Delhi;

(b) if so, whether necessary survey has been conducted for setting up of hospital in the State; and

(c) the location in the State where the said hospital will be set up and expected cost and capacity fixed for the hospital and

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by when the construction work for the hospital would begin alongwith details thereof?

### **"Total safety" in Railways**

\*88. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently some fresh initiatives have been taken to achieve "total safety" on the Indian Railways; and

(b) if so, the details thereof including specific steps contemplated for addressing the problem of unmanned crossings and fresh guidelines laid down, if any, or machinery established to enforce accountability for the railway accidents caused, especially, due to human failure?

### **Assistance to Madhya Pradesh for bio-diesel producing seeds**

†\*89. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Madhya Pradesh has sent any proposal to the Central Government regarding plantation of bio-diesel producing Ratanjot-Karang seeds for saving foreign exchange;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the funds demanded and the amount allocated for the same, so far?

### **Effect of Forest Conservation Act, 1980 on Developmental works**

†\*90. SHRI SURENDRA LATH:  
SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Forest

Conservation Act, 1980 is the main hurdle in implementation of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana and other developmental work particularly in Orissa;

(b) if so, the number of cases seeking permission for construction of roads on the forest land falling enroute and other development works under the scheme forwarded by the State Government during last three years alongwith the number of cases cleared and pending so far; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government for a permanent solution to the problem?

### **Recognising Pharmacy/Nursing Course in Kerala**

\*91. SHRI N.K. PREMA-CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kerala Government which is conducting the Nurse-cum-Pharmacist course-Homoeo, extending to 10 months has sought any recognition from CGHS and whether such recognition has been granted;

(b) whether the NCP course requires the approval of CGHS and whether the Kerala Government initiated any action to accord recognition thereof;

(c) whether Government earlier restricted the conducting of NCP course by the Kerala Government ; if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the CGHS insists NCP qualifications for the Homoeo Pharmacist Post?

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### **Security of women passengers**

†\*92. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:  
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards male passengers travelling in female bogies and the incidents of molestation with lady passengers as a result thereof;

(b) if so, whether Government have prepared any action plan to deal with such passengers strictly; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

### **Encroachment of Railway land on outskirts of Patna**

\*93. SHRI AMAR SINGH:  
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of persons have grabbed Railway land on Khargaul-Neora road on the outskirts of Patna and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that officials of the Railways have turned a blind eye towards the flagrant encroachment;

(c) if so, what action Government have taken against such officials; and

(d) whether the encroachment has since been cleared, and if not, the reasons therefor and by when it is likely to be cleared?

### **Upgradation of NIN**

\*94. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO:  
Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal by

ICMR to upgrade the National Institute of Nutrition (NIN) in Hyderabad;

(b) if so, the details of such steps proposed by ICMR;

(c) the problems identified by the ICMR with regard to the functioning of the NIN, Hyderabad;

(d) the details of problems observed and the solutions proposed within this financial year by ICMR; and

(e) what other steps are proposed to remove various problems related to the National Institute of Nutrition?

### **Unemployment problem among the Pharma Graduates/Post Graduates**

\*95. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware of the unemployment problem among the Pharma Graduates/Post Graduates, etc.;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to evolve a policy to ensure that these experienced and qualified persons in the pharmaceutical field are gainfully employed;

(c) whether it is proposed to conduct training or refresher courses for the medical practitioners in different systems of medicines to acquaint them with the latest trends and developments in the respective fields; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### **Setting up of concrete sleeper plants**

†\*96. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI :  
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

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are going to set up 15 new concrete sleeper plants;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any concrete sleeper plant would be set up in Bihar; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Revival of lakes in Udaipur**

\*97. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many lakes in Udaipur, which have dried up are being sold as plots and roads are being constructed on them;

(b) whether Udaipur Urban Improvement Trust has taken clearance from his Ministry to build these roads; and

(c) what steps are being taken to revive these lakes and water bodies?

#### **Assistance to Horticulture Training Centre, Pune**

†\*98. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Holland, accorded the status of excellent training centre to the Horticulture Training Centre, Talegaon Dabhade, district Pune, and provided Rs.4 crore for setting up of the centre;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the estimated annual expenditure of this training centre would approximately be Rs. 9 crores;

(c) whether the training centre has

demand Rs. 1 crore for its annual expenditure from the National Horticulture Board; and

(d) if so, the decision being taken by the Board in this regard?

#### **Release mechanism for sugar**

\*99. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to do away with the release mechanism for sugar;

(b) whether Government have studied the repercussions of this proposal which would lead to a rise in hoarding activities and an unprecedented rise in the sugar prices; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed by Government to save the common people from this situation?

#### **Procurement of foodgrains**

\*100. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that procurement of foodgrains had been affected due to private trade during this year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government are considering to import foodgrains to meet the demand during this year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

NEW DELHI;  
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YOGENDRA NARAIN,  
Secretary-General.

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**I N D E X**  
(Ministry-wise)

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<b>Chemicals and Fertilizers</b>	: —
<b>Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution</b>	: 85, 99, 100,
<b>Environment and Forests</b>	: 90, 97,
<b>Food Processing Industries</b>	: —
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