

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Friday, the November 29, 2002/Agrahayana 8, 1924 (Saka)*

(Ministries: Agriculture; Chemicals and Fertilizers; Environment and Forests;  
Food Processing Industries; Human Resource Development; Ocean  
Development; Railways; Science and Technology; Steel; Youth  
Affairs and Sports)

Total number of questions—20

#### Education to All by 2003

\*161. SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN  
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased  
to state:

(a) whether the Minister has given an  
assurance that all the children would be  
provided schooling by 2003;

(b) if so, what steps Government  
propose to take to implement this assurance;  
and

(c) what steps both the Centre and States  
have taken together, to achieve this  
objective?

#### Vocational relevance to education

\*162. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN  
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased  
to state:

(a) whether Government and industry  
feel that Indian education system does not  
equip students with skills and is not job-  
oriented;

(b) if so, whether Government have  
made vocational education a focus area, and  
industry and corporate bodies have been  
roped in, as part of the effort to provide  
education with vocational relevance;

(c) whether this question was also  
discussed at the Conference of State  
Education Secretaries, held in August, 2002;  
and

(d) if so, to what extent States have agreed  
to implement the suggestions made in the  
Conference in this regard?

#### Dope test-failed Indian weight-lifter at Manchester

\*163. SHRI B.J. PANDA:  
MISS MABEL REBELLO:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS  
AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has  
been drawn to the news report captioned,  
"Manchester drug disgrace-Government  
knew there was suspect in team", which  
appeared in the Indian Express dated the  
3rd September, 2002;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Indian

weight-lifter, who had won the gold medal was tested positive shortly before he left India; and

(c) if so, how he was cleared for the games and what are the reasons for the lapse?

#### **Over bridge at Kesamudram and Khammam railway stations**

\*164. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether overbridges at Kesamudram and Khammam railway stations are proposed to be constructed;

(b) if so, the details of allocations made therefor; and

(c) by when the work would be taken up and completed?

#### **Bamboo flowering**

\*165. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the phenomenal causes of bamboo flowering and its repeatability, predictions, implications, including famine, based on past experience;

(b) what is the probable period of bamboo flowering, action taken by the Ministry to face the situation, State-wise; and

(c) the utility of bamboo seeds, if any, because of enhancing prolificacy of rats?

#### **Cleanliness in Railway coaches**

\*166. DR. ABRAR AHMED:  
SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cleanliness, maintenance and upkeep of rail coaches are not upto the mark, causing inconvenience to the rail passengers; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to improve the situation?

#### **Problems of Mahila Mandal in H.P.**

†\*167. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had received any representation in August, 2002 about the problems of Mahila Mandal, Nandla, District Shimla, Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the action taken by Government on their problems and whether Government propose to provide financial assistance to promote Mahila Mandal;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Financial assistance for sports persons**

\*168. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state the names of sports persons given pension/lumpsum financial assistance under the existing scheme of National Welfare Fund for Sports Persons", during the last three years, year-wise?

#### **Gadwal-Raichur rail line**

\*169. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Gadwal-Raichur rail line work has started;

(b) if so, the total cost of the project; and

(c) the amount allocated for this project in the financial year 2002-2003?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

### Failure of NNM Scheme

\*170. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the year 2001-2002 was observed as the year of implementation;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the National Nutrition Mission Scheme announced by the Prime Minister on Independence Day, 2001, for providing subsidized foodgrains to adolescent girls and expectant and nursing mothers below the poverty line families, hardly took off the ground during the year; and

(c) if so, the reasons for the utter failure in implementing the scheme, indicating the steps taken and the progress made in implementing the Scheme?

### ICAR funded programmes in Gujarat

\*171. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes/programmes of agricultural and technological universities, funded by Indian Council of Agricultural Research and the Union Government in Gujarat;

(b) the details of funds allocated during the last three years;

(c) whether there is any mechanism for evaluating the achievements; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof?

### Summer special trains

†\*172. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAYAN SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of summer special trains introduced during the last three years, indicating the regions where these had been introduced, earnings made therefrom and the number of those made regular due to their making profits;

(b) whether Government have considered linking all the places of pilgrimage in the country; and

(c) if so, the details of places likely to benefit therefrom?

### Self sufficiency in fertilizer production

\*173. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has achieved nearly self-sufficiency in the production of fertilizers;

(b) if so, the details of production in the country during the last two years and in the current financial year as against the demand; and

(c) by when India is likely to achieve total self-sufficiency?

### Promotion of sports

\*174. SHRI DINA NATH MISHRA: SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to re-orient the sports policy and formulate new projects for promotion of sports, based on lessons of the recent Commonwealth and Asian Games;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount allocated for the purpose in the Ninth and Tenth Five Year Plans;

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(d) whether the allocated amount in the Ninth Five Year Plan was fully utilised by the State Governments;

(e) if not, Government's proposals to deal with defaulting States; and

(f) how the outlay for the Tenth Five Year Plan is proposed to be utilized?

#### **Death of turtles in Orissa**

\*175. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the death of lakhs of mother sea Turtles, while coming to lay eggs along the Orissa sea coast, due to non use of turtle excluders by the trawlers; if so, what action has been taken against the owners of these trawlers; and

(b) whether the Orissa Government has sent a proposal to declare Rushikulya river mouth Gahiramatha, as sea Turtles marine sanctuary; if so, what steps have been taken by his Ministry in this regard?

#### **Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan in Kerala**

\*176. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kerala Government has submitted any proposal to allot funds for implementation of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA); if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the funds have been allotted to Kerala; if so, the amount thereof;

(c) what is the teacher-student ratio

prescribed in SSA Scheme at the school level; and

(d) whether Government extend financial assistance to State Governments to maintain teacher-student ratio as 1:40 or as stipulated in SSA scheme?

#### **Revival of IISCO**

\*177. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:  
SHRI GAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present stage of the revival package plan for sustaining the operations at the Burnpur-based steel plant of IISCO; and

(b) what is the present state of the affairs of this steel plant?

#### **Rolling back of fertilizer's prices**

†\*178. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI:  
SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to roll back the increased prices of fertilizers;

(b) if so, by when a final decision would be taken in this regard;

(c) whether Government had asked the Commission on Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP) for lowering of fertilizer prices, to the level prevailing at the beginning of this year and for relief on the interest payments on farmers' loans;

(d) if so, the details of recommendations made by CACP; and

(e) the decision taken thereon?

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†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Private participation in agriculture  
sector**

\*179. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA  
RAO:  
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY  
SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that private  
participation in agricultural extension is vital  
for development of agriculture in the country;

(b) whether any study has been carried  
out by the Ministry with regard to providing  
extension services and the willingness to  
pay for the services; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Pollution and noise levels in  
metros**

\*180. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the  
Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND  
FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to the Central  
Pollution Control Board (CPCB), the  
pollution and noise levels in the metro cities  
have increased during the last three  
months;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;  
and

(c) what steps Government have taken  
or propose to take to minimise the  
pollution and noise levels in the metro  
cities?

NEW DELHI;  
*The 23rd November, 2002*  
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YOGENDRA NARAIN,  
*Secretary-General.*

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