

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Tuesday, the April 30, 2002/Vaisakha 10, 1924 (Saka)*

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

Total number of questions—20

#### Indira Lift Irrigation Scheme

†\*501. SHRI MOOLCHAND  
MEENA: Will the Minister of WATER  
RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether lift irrigation schemes are  
proposed in various States of the country; if  
so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) whether 'Indira Lift Scheme' for lift  
irrigation from Chambal in Sawai Madhopur  
and Karoli districts in Rajasthan is under  
Government's consideration; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### Development of tourist spots in Rajasthan

†\*502. SHRIMATI JAMANA DEVI  
BARUPAL: Will the Minister of  
TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased  
to state:

(a) whether Government are considering  
any plan to increase the number of tourist  
spots and develop them further in other  
places of Rajasthan in addition to Jaisalmer;  
and

(b) if so, the details of places where new  
tourist spots are being considered to be set  
up?

#### Civil Aviation Security Training Academy

\*503. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA:  
DR. (MS.) P. SELVIE DAS:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government  
are planning to setup a Hi-tech Civil Aviation  
Security Training Academy;

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

(c) what are the locational and technical  
details of the project?

#### FDI in tea plantation sector

\*504. SHRI KARNENDU  
BHATTACHARJEE:  
SHRI V. V. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE  
AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has  
been drawn to the news-item captioned  
"Government may allow FDI in tea  
plantations" which appeared in the Business  
Standard dated the 5th April, 2002;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the  
reasons for allowing FDI in tea plantations;

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(c) whether Government are aware that this step would open the floodgates for multinational tea companies to enter the Indian market in a big way adversely affecting the Indian companies; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

#### **Survey on planned industrial investments**

\*505. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there was a huge drop in planned industrial investments in new projects during the previous year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any survey has been conducted in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what are the reasons for this huge drop?

#### **Retail marketing of petro-products**

\*506. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are allowing private and foreign oil companies to undertake retail marketing of petrol/diesel and Aviation Turbine Fuel in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons for allowing foreign and private players in this sector; and

(c) in what manner the country is going to be benefited by this step?

#### **Restricted operations of airports in A.P.**

\*507. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the airports in Andhra Pradesh which operate between sunrise to sunset only;

(b) what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to make all these or some of them operational for 24 hours to increase air traffic in the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Production of crude oil**

†\*508. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:  
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN  
SINGH 'LALAN':

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

(a) whether it is a fact that crude oil is being produced by various companies in the country;

(b) if so, the names of the companies producing crude oil; and

(c) the quantity of crude oil produced by these companies during 2001-2002, company-wise?

#### **New international airport at Bangalore**

\*509. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT  
RAO:  
SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new international airport project at Bangalore is being taken up;

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- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the target for completion of the project?

#### **Preservation of Mullaperiyar dam**

\*510. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN:  
Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES  
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have appointed any committee to study the safety of the Mullaperiyar dam;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the committee heard the views expressed by the State Government of Kerala; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government to preserve this hundred years old dam?

#### **International crude oil prices**

\*511. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:  
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

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

- (a) whether the national oil companies have taken up with Government the Ticklish issue of international crude oil prices shooting up by \$4 per barrel after the budget;
- (b) if so, what are the main issues discussed;
- (c) whether they have also asked Government to revive the duty structure;
- (d) if so, whether any agreement in this regard has been reached; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Illegal petroleum agencies**

†\*512. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN:  
Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND  
NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of LPG agencies and petrol pumps sanctioned for various districts of Delhi, Haryana, Punjab, Maharashtra and Gujarat since 1999 till date, district-wise;
- (b) the allotments cancelled out of them as per the orders of the Supreme Court;
- (c) the number of such LPG agencies and petrol pumps which are still functioning illegally despite Supreme Court orders; and
- (d) the action taken against such illegal LPG agencies or petrol pumps?

#### **Protection of Nayakhila (New Fort) in Hyderabad**

\*513. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY:  
Will the Minister of TOURISM AND  
CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a drain runs through Nayakhila (New Fort) a heritage monument on the North-east side of the Golconda Fort, Hyderabad;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that it affects the Nayakhila; and
- (c) if so, the steps Government propose to take to protect the heritage monument?

#### **Roof-top rain water harvesting**

\*514. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN:  
Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES  
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Central Ground Water Authority has made roof-top rain water harvesting mandatory for buildings with a roof area of over 100 square meters to replenish the falling level of ground water resources;

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(b) if so, the areas in which this project is being taken up togetherwith the details thereof; and

(c) whether the help of volunteers from NGOs like Jal Biradari is being taken for motivation purposes?

#### **FDI proposals for Tamil Nadu**

\*515. SHRI B.S. GNANADESIKAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of FDI proposals approved for the State of Tamil Nadu; and

(b) the details of each proposal?

#### **Phasing out of subsidies on kerosene/LPG**

\*516. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the subsidy given by Government on each LPG cylinder and kerosene per litre;

(b) the annual subsidy budget in this regard;

(c) whether Government propose to phase out the subsidy in near future; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Deposits with Commercial Banks and Post Offices**

\*517. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a heavy shortfall in deposits with the Commercial Banks and Post Offices in the country;

(b) if so, the extent to which decline has been noticed;

(c) the reasons for such a shortfall; and

(d) the corrective measures being taken by Government in this regard?

#### **Direct flight from Hyderabad to Iran**

\*518. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal of direct flight from Hyderabad to Tehran in Iran is under Government's consideration;

(b) if so, by when this flight is likely to start; and

(c) whether details in this regard have been finalised?

#### **Memoranda for separation from World Trade Organisation**

†\*519. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received memoranda from farmers, labours and owners of small scale industries of various States demanding India to separate from World Trade Organisation;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether Government have considered the points raised in these memoranda; and

(d) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

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**Water-storage capacity**

† \*520. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of water-storage in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that the capacity of water-storage in the country is declining;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government are considering formulation of any scheme for conservation of river water; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

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The 24th April, 2002  
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R.C. TRIPATHI,  
Secretary-General.

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